



A Workshop: Integrating Molecular Diagnostics into Health Care **Talaris Conference Center, Seattle, Washington** **October 29 – 31, 2007**

Goals and Process

The Goal for the Workshop:

The singular goal of the Workshop will be to develop a road map identifying the steps to be undertaken in order to improve the quality, type, and supply of evidence for clinical and health policy decision makers regarding provision, use, coverage, and payment for genetic testing. The Workshop will accomplish this by incorporating key stakeholder and decision maker perspectives.

Specific Workshop Outcomes:

- Gaining the perspectives of key health care stakeholders in setting research priorities and developing specifications for guideline development and policy recommendations;
- Facilitating optimal development of evidence to ensure adoption of valuable technologies and their appropriate and efficient use;
- Setting specifications for limiting the use of technologies with undocumented benefit;
- Structuring incentives for innovation and investment to develop technologies with evidence of value for money; and,
- Developing a collaborative model for consensus building by stakeholders for other organizations interested in expanding availability and use of relevant and reliable evidence for decision makers.

Case Studies:

We have selected four tests to use as case studies (see website). Each test presents some similar and some different issues and challenges. Each stakeholder group will be asked to work through each case. Each group may then report a general consensus affecting all four cases and/or report different findings based on the nature and characteristics of a given test.

Final Process Note:

As the agenda shows, this is *really* a workshop—we are hoping that each stakeholder group (and the “mixed” groups, when meeting) formulates its own agenda and work plan. The only commitment we ask is that each group sticks to the Goal for the meeting and develops findings to report back during the plenary sessions.