



Department of Family Medicine  
Network of Affiliated Family Medicine Residencies

## Network Grand Rounds

Friday, January 18, 2008

9:30 am – 11:00 am

Child Health Institute Room 3101  
New Brunswick, NJ

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### “Panel Discussion – Universal Health Insurance in New Jersey?”

*Moderator:* **Alfred Tallia**, MD, MPH – Chair, Department of Family Medicine

*Panel:* **Hon. Joseph F. Vitale** – State Senator of New Jersey  
Senator Vitale has been serving in the New Jersey Senate since 1998, where he represents the 19th Legislative District. He is the current Senate Deputy Majority Leader and the Chairman of the Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee. Senator Vitale also serves on the Budget and Appropriations Committee, the Wagering, Tourism, and Historic Preservation Committee, and the Economic Growth Committee. Senator Vitale serves on the Board of Directors for the Middlesex County Habitat for Humanity and on the Board of Trustees of the Visiting Nurses Association of Central New Jersey.

**David Knowlton** - President and CEO of the NJ HealthCare Quality Institute

Mr. Knowlton has been a leader and advisor in health issues since 1977. As a Principal in Knowlton and Associates, a consulting group specializing in health care policy issues, his clients have included various governmental, health care, legal, financial and business organizations.

New Jersey HealthCare Quality (NJHCQI) Institute is recognized in the State and the region as an innovator, advocate, and leader for improved health care quality. NJHCQI is the first non-profit, impartial, and non-partisan organization working to make system wide changes to improve patient safety and the quality of care.

*Format of day:* After a presentation by Dr. Tallia on the value of primary care in health care system reform, Mr. Vitale and Mr. Knowlton will give a history and status update on the proposal and legislative process of instituting Universal Health Care. Then they will open the panel to questions and answers from the audience.