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fchp to sponsor national research conference in 2006

Fallon Community Health Plan will be a major sponsor of the 12th annual HMO Research Network Conference to be held May 1 to May 3, 2006, at the Hyatt Hotel in Cambridge, Mass. The theme of the conference is "Optimizing Practice Through Interdisciplinary Research." Over 200 researchers from the network, a consortium of 13 leading U.S. health plans, will be in attendance.

The conference will be hosted by the Meyers Primary Care Institute, a not-for-profit research and educational institute, which is a joint endeavor of FCHP, the University of Massachusetts Medical School and Fallon Foundation.

"We are very excited to host this year's conference," said Jerry H. Gurwitz, M.D., Executive Director of the Meyers Primary Care Institute and Conference Chair. "This conference provides a forum for national researchers who are working to identify new approaches for improving the health of patients and communities."

Eric H. Schultz, President and CEO, Fallon Community Health Plan, praised this ongoing partnership. "The Meyers Primary Care Institute honors Dr. John Meyers, who served as president of FCHP from 1977 until 1985," he said. "We're proud to have a strong partnership with the University of Massachusetts Medical School and Fallon Foundation in supporting the activities of the Institute. We believe it provides a wonderful resource to promote an area of medicine that FCHP cares deeply about—providing high-quality primary health care for everyone, every day."