## Health Care Reform – A Local Perspective

### Introduction

As we near the end of our course we have the opportunity to discuss some current issues in health care ethics. This week we have invited Dr. Steven Strongwater, who has been the CEO of our Medical Center since 2006. Dr. Strongwater is a highly regarded hospital administrator. Prior to his tenure at Stony Brook, Dr. Strongwater was the administrator of the John Dempsey hospital at UConn. Before joining UConn, Dr. Strongwater was Medical Director at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester. He also was a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Rheumatology and Immunology. He graduated from the University of Rochester magna cum laude with a degree in biology in 1974 and earned his M.D. with honors at the SUNY Upstate Medical Center in 1978 and was selected to join the national medical society Alpha Omega Alpha.

### Objectives

At the end of this session you will be able to:

1. Explain the impact of health care reform on our own medical center.
2. Describe, from an executive point of view, the main issues in health care reform.

### Preparation

1. Read the Suffolk Health Care Forum Executive Summary
2. Explore these two links which overview the current (Obama) health reform legislation.
   - [http://www.whitehouse.gov/Issues/health-Care](http://www.whitehouse.gov/Issues/health-Care)

### Process

Class begins in Lecture with Dr. Strongwater. Following the lecture we will meet in small group to continue to discuss the presentation. Since this is an invitational lecture the leaders for the day should have the flexibility to follow the lead and interest of Dr. Strongwater and the group.

### Study Questions

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### Articles on File

Suffolk Health Care Forum Executive Summary