

Speaker Bios



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Dr. Loge attended Medical School at the University of Oklahoma and did his residency at the University of Washington. He has had a clinical practice of rural general internal medicine and geriatrics in Dillon, Montana, since 1980. Dr. Loge is a Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Washington School of Medicine. In 2010, he was awarded the WWAMI Department of Medicine Lifetime Excellence in Teaching Award and American College of Physicians Volunteer Teacher of the Year Award.



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Dr. Welch is a professor of Medicine at The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Research (TDI). He is a general internist at the White River Junction VA and the recipient of the 2009 VA Undersecretary's Award in Health Services Research. Dr. Welch's research has focused on the problems created by medicine's efforts to detect disease early: physicians test too often, treat too aggressively and tell too many people that they are sick. Much of his work has focused on overdiagnosis in cancer screening: in particular, screening for melanoma, thyroid, lung, breast and prostate cancer. His first book, [Should I be tested for cancer? Maybe not and here's why](#) (UC Press 2004) was written while he was a Visiting Scientist at the International Agency for Research on Cancer and was one of the six "best books" listed by Malcolm Gladwell in *The Week*. He recently published a second book, [Overdiagnosed: Making people sick in the pursuit of health](#) (Beacon Press 2011).

New York Times review: <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/25/health/views/25zuger.html?ref=health>

An excerpt from the introduction: http://www.nytimes.com/2011/01/25/health/25zuger_excerpt.html? r=1

Dr. Welch is also committed to teaching: he directs TDI's Introduction to Epidemiology & Biostatistics course and teaches Health Policy & Clinical Practice at Dartmouth College.



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William R. Phillips, MD, MPH is the Theodore J. Phillips Endowed Professor in Family Medicine at the University of Washington. He is a Seattle native and earned his MD and MPH from the UW. After 20 years in full-time private practice, he moved to the UW Dept of Family Medicine, where he works with medical student research, clinical clerkship education and directs the Primary Care Research Fellowship. Dr. Phillips has served on national expert panels for the AAFP, AHRQ, CDC, ACIP, HRSA, NLM and ETC. He is Senior Associate Editor of the Annals of Family Medicine.