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## Berenson, Bodenheimer and Pham to Receive ACHE'S Conley Award

**CHICAGO, January 24, 2008**—Robert A. Berenson, MD, Thomas Bodenheimer, MD, and Hoangmai H. Pham, MD, have been named the winners of the American College of Healthcare Executives 2008 Dean Conley Award for their article “Specialty-Service Lines: Salvos in the New Medical Arms Race,” published in the July 2006 issue of *Health Affairs*.

The award will be presented on March 12, 2008, at the Wednesday Hot Topic Session #1 during the American College of Healthcare Executives 51st Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago.

Named for ACHE's executive director from 1942 to 1965, the Dean Conley Award is granted annually to recognize the contributions made to healthcare management literature and to encourage healthcare executives to write and publish articles.

“Specialty-Service Lines: Salvos in the New Medical Arms Race” was selected by ACHE's Article of the Year Awards Committee.

In their article, the authors describe how as the scope of care that can be performed safely in the outpatient setting expands, the escalating competition between hospitals

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and physicians for control over specialty services may threaten hospitals' financial well-being. The article was based on findings from the Center for Studying Health System Change's (HSC) 2005 site visits to 12 nationally representative metropolitan communities. HSC is an independent, nonpartisan health policy research organization based in Washington, D.C., and funded in part by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Berenson is a senior fellow at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C., and a senior consulting HSC researcher; Bodenheimer is an adjunct professor of family and community medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, and a senior consulting HSC researcher; and Pham is a senior health researcher at HSC.

### **Other Recommended Reading**

The Article of the Year Awards Committee recommends two additional articles: "Price Transparency: Building Community Trust," by Richard L. Clarke, DHA, FHFMA, from the Spring 2007 issue of *Frontiers of Health Services Management*, and "Trends in the Experiences of Hospital Employed RNs: Results from Three National Surveys," by Peter I. Buerhaus, PhD, RN; Karen Donelan, ScD; Beth T. Ulrich, EdD, RN, FACHE; Catherine DesRoches, DrPh; and Robert Dittus, MD, from the March/April 2007 issue of *Nursing Economic\$*.

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The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE is known for its prestigious credentialing and educational programs and its annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,000 participants each year. ACHE is also known for its journals, the *Journal of Healthcare Management* and *Frontiers of Health Services Management* and its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, as well as ground-breaking research and career development and public policy programs. ACHE's publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on all aspects of health services management in addition to textbooks for use in college and university courses. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare leaders by providing exceptional value to its members.

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