He is also principal investigator in a study assessing biological, psychological, social and cultural factors influencing adherence to treatment in Latinos with diabetes. Dr. Caballero has written various publications on pre-diabetes, obesity and endothelial dysfunction, diabetes in Latinos and the chapter of Diabetes in Minorities in the prestigious Joslin’s Diabetes Mellitus textbook. He is also a reviewer for multiple prestigious medical journals.

**Booker T. Washington Award**

Booker T. Washington started National Negro Health Week (NNHW) in 1915. From 1921 to 1953, NNHW was a program supported by the Public Health Service. National Minority Health Month is a descendant of NNHW. The Booker T. Washington Award recognizes an individual or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of wellness in minority communities.

**Medtronic Inc.**

As a global leader in medical technology, Medtronic Inc. is taking a leadership role in helping to eliminate health disparities. In a society where major advances in medical technology and lifesaving discoveries far outnumber lives lost as a result of widespread disparities in our healthcare system, Medtronic’s goal is to change this fact. Medtronic is committed to investing time, resources and employees to implement and support initiatives that work to reduce health disparities by putting every patient first. Medtronic’s initiatives to eliminate health disparities incorporate work with providers, patients and health system leaders. Some examples of these initiatives include developing and disseminating clinic-based tools that streamline and increase adherence to clinical guidelines for underserved populations; development of a disparity advisory board that assists in identifying solutions to barriers to equality of care; participating in and sponsoring education and health screening events; and leading a pilot program in partnership with 10 hospitals across the country to measure the impact that enforcing guideline protocols along with providing physician and patient education has on improving the quality of care for underserved populations.
AGENDA

WELCOME
Gary Puckrein
President and CEO,
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PRESENTATION
Thomas R. Insel, MD
Director, National Institute
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Rachele Berria, MD
US Medical Director
Roche

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Chris Foster
Managing Director, Chairman,
U.S. Healthcare,
Burson-Marsteller

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON AWARD:
H. James Dallas
Senior Vice President,
Quality and Operations

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CONGRESSMAN ROY BLUNT
Missouri Congressman Roy Blunt came to the United States House of Representatives in 1997 with a background as a public servant, university president and administrator. He became the Majority Whip earlier in his career than any Member of Congress in the last eight decades and also served as Majority Leader. Blunt is now the second-highest Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and is also a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Blunt was named Missouri’s Republican of the Year in 2001. As Whip, the second highest Republican in the House, he led a team of deputies and assistants that columnist Robert Novak described as “the most efficient party whip operation in congressional history.” Other legislation Blunt championed in recent Congresses includes the Combat Meth Act, the Charitable Giving expansion and legislation to enhance transparency in federal spending by establishing a searchable database of all federal grants and contracts. Blunt has become a recognized leader on energy issues and led the fight for more American-made energy in 2008. He also played a key role in helping negotiate an update of our nation’s foreign intelligence surveillance laws. The Congressman is married to Abigail Blunt. Blunt has four children.

BERNARDO ALBERTO HOUSSEY AWARD
Born in Argentina in 1887, Bernardo Alberto Houssay received the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 1947 for his discovery of the hormone of the anterior pituitary lobe in the metabolism of sugar. The Bernardo Alberto Houssay Award recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding contributions toward the elimination of diabetes in minority communities.

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