Dean Launches New Initiatives Spotlighting National Debate on Health Care Reform

A t the health reform debate heats up in Washington, D.C., and across the country, the Keck School of Medicine of USC has been working hard to keep the USC community well informed and engaged. Initiatives include the formation of the Dean's Council on Health Reform, seminars, and a Web site serving as a clearinghouse for information on health care reform.

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A new Web site has been designed to include daily news and opinions on health reforms, helpful resources and information about the Dean’s Council on Health Reform. Visitors to the site can participate and also sign up to join the Council. Membership in the Dean’s Council on Health Reform is open to all members of the Keck School faculty, medical and graduate students, post comments and also sign up to join the Council.

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