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Biographical Sketch

Ed O'Connor is a dynamic, provocative speaker who brings innovative approaches to practical health care solutions. His work in guiding organizations move from old, isolated agendas to passionate, collaborative futures is groundbreaking and critical to the success of an industry facing radical change.

Dr. O'Connor is also a national leader in helping organizations understand and harness cutting-edge research. By integrating current research and discovery with over 35 years of experience working with hospitals, group practices, health plans, and other organizations, he provides pioneering health care practices to meet the demands of today's changing world.

He is a Professor of Management and Health Administration at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, a Principal with the Implementation Institute, and a faculty member of the American College of Physician Executives. He is also a member of ACHE and MGMA.

As the author of over 150 research articles, book chapters, papers and technical documents, Dr. O'Connor has conducted research on a diversity of topics including hospital-physician relations, entrepreneurship, herd behavior, the impact of mindfulness, team development, leadership, and the implementation of change. His book, ***Reclaiming Your Future: Entrepreneurial Thinking in Health Care*** (co-authored with C. Marlena Fiol), provides practical ideas and examples for health care leaders who are committed to being the architects of their own futures.

In addition to holding management positions with General Electric and providing consulting services for diverse organizations, he has personally engaged in several entrepreneurial business ventures. During the 1980s, he served as President of WPRC, Inc., a financial services holding company that began and operated retail and wholesale security firms, a financial planning service, and a seminar business. Prior to that, he played a leadership role in family electrical contracting and wholesale distribution businesses and participated in the start-up and management of a lighting fixture cleaning and repair venture.

Dr. O'Connor holds an MBA from the Harvard Business School and a Doctoral degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from the University of Akron. He has previously served on Business and Psychology faculties at the Universities of Georgia, Tennessee and Texas as well as the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Dr. O'Connor is a frequent keynote speaker at national and regional health care meetings and is known for his dynamic, high-energy style.

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