THE HARVARD FORUMS ON HEALTH – FOCUS ON OBESITY

Wednesday, June 11, 2003
9 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Snyder Auditorium, Harvard School of Public Health

Moderator: David Gergen, Professor of Public Service, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; Editor-At-Large, U.S. News & World Report

Agenda

8:30 - 9:00 Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 9:05 Welcome and Introduction
   ▪ David Blumenthal, MD, director, Harvard University’s Interfaculty Program for Health Systems Improvement
9:05 - 9:15 Obesity Today – an overview
   ▪ Walter Willett, MD, Dr.P.H., chair, Department of Nutrition, Harvard School of Public Health; professor, Harvard Medical School
9:15 - 9:45 Personal Testimony
   ▪ Jared Fogle, Subway celebrity
   ▪ George Keverian, former Speaker, MA House of Representatives
   ▪ Patricia Gaquin, consumer and patient
9:45 - 9:55 Release of National Poll On Obesity
   ▪ David Blumenthal, MD
9:55 -11:05 Grassroots Initiatives Panel
   ▪ Enid Hohn, director, Vista Unified School District Child Nutrition Services Division, Healthy Alternatives Vending Program, Vista High School
   ▪ Bill Reger, EdD, West Virginia University Department of Community Medicine, Wheeling Walks
   ▪ Sean Faircloth, state representative from Maine, Maine obesity package
   ▪ Steve Gortmaker, PhD, director, Harvard University Prevention Research Center for Nutrition and Physical Activity, Planet Health
11:05 – 11:15 Break (snacks provided)
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11:15 - 12:30 Issues and Viewpoints Panel
  ▪ Walter Willett, HSPH and Harvard Medical School
  ▪ William Caplan, MD, director, Kaiser Permanente Care Management Institute
  ▪ Eric Finkelstein, PhD, economist, RTI International
  ▪ Sean Faircloth, legislator, Maine
  ▪ Ellen Ruppel Shell, science journalist and author, *The Hungry Gene: The Science of Fat and the Future of Thin*

12:30 - 12:40 Moving Forward on Obesity
  ▪ Walter Willett

12:40 - 12:45 Closing Comments
  ▪ David Blumenthal