

**Implementation of Risk Minimization Action
Plans to Support Quality Use of
Pharmaceuticals; Opportunities and
Challenges:
A Public Workshop
June 25 and 26, 2007**

**Panel 1
Patient Advocacy and Consumer Groups**

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Workshop Objectives

- 1. Initiate constructive dialogue and information-sharing.**
- 2. Share key lessons learned.**
- 3. Explore how tools being actively developed may improve the development of RiskMAPs.**

Panel 1 – Patient Advocacy and Consumer Groups

**Mrs. Cheryl Bloom
Former Moderator, MS World**

**Mr. Ken Makowka
Fairfield County Multiple Myeloma Support Group**

**Ms. Amy Allina
National Women's Health Network**

**Mr. William Vaughn
Consumer's Union**

Questions

- **What do people perceive as the tradeoffs between the burdens of the programs and benefits of using the products? How do they impact access to products?**
- **Do the RiskMap programs encourage or discourage patients to seek use of the products? Do they enable the products to be used as intended?**
- **How effective are the various reminder tools? What recommendations would you make for improving implementation and use of reminder tools?**
- **What costs (financial, convenience, etc) are there to performance linked access programs? How have people managed the costs? How can PLAS's be improved to minimize costs to patients?**