

SPEECH

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GREETINGS, ETC.

**IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE WITH YOU TODAY, AND I SALUTE
YOUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT.**

**I AM VERY MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE WIDE VARIETY OF
SESSIONS THAT ARE SCHEDULED, AND I APPLAUD YOUR FOCUS
ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF PATIENT CARE, THE NEED FOR HIGH
QUALITY CARE, AND THE ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE
CRUNCH IN HEALTHCARE RESOURCES.**

YOUR THEME --"WORKING TOGETHER IN THE QUEST FOR QUALITY"-- IS A BOLD UNDERTAKING.

IT IS BOLD BECAUSE IN SO MANY HEALTHCARE SETTINGS IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY, IT IS ALL WE CAN DO TO ACHIEVE MINIMAL CARE, MUCH LESS QUALITY CARE. ALTHOUGH WE WISH TO PROVIDE AT ALL TIMES THE HIGHEST QAUALITY CARE, PERSONNEL SHORTAGES AND FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS SHRINK OUR OPTIONS AND PUT US TO THE TEST.

AND, HEALTHCARE WORKERS CAN THEMSELVES GET TESTY FROM BEING STRETCHED TOO FAR.

**SO, YOUR CONCERN WITH COOPERATION AND QUALITY IS
TIMELY ...AND URGENTLY NEEDED.**

**NOT LONG AGO, AN AFTERNOON TALK ON THE FUTURE OF
HEALTH CARE WOULD HAVE BEEN A SOURCE OF PRIDE AND
COMFORT.**