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## **Keynoter Presents the Future for Healthcare at the World Healthcare Innovation and Technology Congress**

Jerome Grossman MD., Director, Health Care Delivery Policy Program, JFK School of Government, Harvard University, painted a realistic picture of healthcare. He said, “The present healthcare system has moved from a framework of professional dominance to one of measurement and accounting. The healthcare system is heading towards using people with less training to provide products and services so that healthcare will be more affordable and accessible for the majority of the population.

Speaking at the World Healthcare Innovation and Technology Congress held in December, he told the attendees that innovations will enable treatments to be available that are less expensive but more consistently effective. This will allow more people to receive more and higher quality healthcare, but at the same time, doctors will play a smaller role in the delivery of the care.

Dr. Grossman pointed out that as more retail clinics are established, more quick health will be provided directly to the consumer, and help individuals avoid going to emergency rooms. He said technology will be used to locate help when needed as sort of a medical adaptation of “On Star”. This type of medical assistance will help with medical problems or concerns using well trained people available 24/7.

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