

## **Paul D. Cleary, Ph.D.**

Paul D. Cleary, Ph.D. is the Dean of the Yale School of Public Health and the Anna M.R. Lauder Professor of Public Health at the Yale University School of Medicine.

Dr. Cleary received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Wisconsin. His earliest work focused on studies of health behavior. He conducted theoretical and empirical research on smoking as well as patients' perceptions and responses to physical symptoms and factors affecting use of medical care. He also studied the recognition and management of conditions such as mental illness, alcohol abuse and functional impairment in primary care settings.

For more than 20 years, Dr. Cleary has been actively involved in research focused on persons infected with HIV. Since early in his career, he has investigated the ways in which infection affects people's lives and the factors affecting the quality of medical care for infected persons. He led a key component of the HIV Costs and Services Utilization Study (HSCUS), in which his team investigated the physician and clinic characteristics that predict the quality of care that patients receive. Recently he conducted a major national evaluation of a quality improvement program in HIV clinics funded by the Ryan White Care Act.

His recent research also includes a study of how organizational characteristics affect the costs and quality of care for persons with AIDS; a national evaluation of a continuous quality improvement initiative in clinics providing care to HIV infected individuals; developing web based decision tools to improve cancer care decision making; and a study of the long-term impact of patient-centered hospital care. He is Principal Investigator of one of the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) projects funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to develop information gathering surveys for consumers regarding their health plans and services.

Dr. Cleary has been a member of the Institute of Medicine since 1994 and a member of the Connecticut Academy for Science and Engineering since 2007. In 1996, he was selected as a distinguished fellow of the Association for Health Services Research, and in 2002, received the Distinguished Investigator Award from the Academy for Health Services Research and Health Policy.

Dr. Cleary is currently the editorial director of the Milbank Memorial Fund and for nine years was editor of the *Milbank Quarterly*. He is chair of the National Advisory Committee for The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator Awards in Health Policy Research Program. He has served as associate editor of the *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, consulting editor of the *Journal of Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry*, and an editorial board member of *The Handbook of Social Studies in Health and Medicine* and the *Advanced Handbook of Methods in Evidence Based Health Care*. He currently serves on the editorial boards of *Health Services Research* and the *Journal of Health Services Research and Policy*.