1. **The Changing Face of Academic Health Centers**

As academic health centers' non-profit national organization, the Association of Academic Health Centers seeks to improve the nation’s health and well-being by strengthening, advocating, and leading on behalf of its member institutions, which are at the forefront of health professions education, patient care, and biomedical and health services research. This requires vigorous leadership that enhances and mobilizes the intellectual capital, influence, and resources of academic health centers towards the overarching goal of improving the health care system.

Steven A. Wartman, MD, Ph.D, President and CEO of the Association of Academic Health Centers, will present information on the organizational and management challenges facing academic health centers in light of current trends and emerging concerns, followed by a discussion of potential strategies to optimize success.