

## The future of U.S. health insurance reform?



Although repeal of the new U.S. health insurance reform law is unlikely, experts at a recent event presented by The Forum at Harvard School of Public Health predicted that the law may be unrecognizable by 2012. Did you miss it? [Watch videos and](#)

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Also, HSPH's [William Hsiao](#) presented a plan to a joint session of the Vermont legislature yesterday that could lead to a single-payer health care system in that state. [Read more](#)

## New research

### Video: Improving Americans' health literacy



Why do hospitals have signs for the "nephrology department" when patients with kidney disease who need that department's services are unlikely to know what the word nephrology means? HSPH's

[Rima Rudd](#) discusses the importance of getting all in the patient care industry more tuned in to the issues of health literacy, the topic of her recent [perspective article](#) in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. [Watch video](#)

## Haiti: One year later



One year after the earthquake, progress in Haiti is "painfully" slow. Involved in recovery efforts since the early hours of the crisis, HSPH faculty and alumni and the [Harvard Humanitarian Initiative](#) recently reflected on what has been accomplished--and what still needs to

be done. [Read more](#)

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## Public health on the go



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### Event highlights

**Dean's Distinguished Lecture**

[Lessons from Harvard and a Journey of Health Sector Reforms in Papua New Guinea](#)

**Fri., January 21,  
4:00-5:00 PM  
Kresge G2**

Reception  
5:00-6:00 PM  
Kresge Atrium

### Did you know?

**Fit Plan for Life**  
January 26  
12:30-1:30 PM  
FXB G13

Get tips on staying fit in a desk-oriented work environment.

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This event was originally scheduled for

## Keep warm this weekend with some healthy comfort food



### [Cauliflower Tomato Soup with Indian Spices](#)

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January 12. If you already registered for that date, you don't need to re-register.

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