

## **Kenneth W. Kizer, MD, MPH**

Dr. Kizer is a popular speaker and sought-after consultant. From December 2005 until October 2007, he served as President, CEO, and Chairman of Medsphere Systems Corporation. Based in Aliso Viejo, California, Medsphere is the leading commercial provider of open source information technology for the healthcare industry. He continues as Chairman of the Board, a position he has held since Medsphere was founded in 2002. Dr. Kizer is an honors graduate of Stanford University and UCLA.

Dr. Kizer's professional experience includes positions in both the public and private sectors. From 1994 through 1999, he served as the Under Secretary for Health in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). He also served for six years as the founding president and CEO of the National Quality Forum (NQF), a Washington, DC-based organization whose mission is to improve American healthcare through the endorsement of national voluntary consensus standards for measuring and reporting healthcare quality. Dr. Kizer has served on the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and on the boards of numerous professional associations and non-profit organizations, including Chairman of the Board of The California Wellness Foundation, a healthcare conversion foundation having assets of over \$1 billion. He has also held senior academic positions at UC Davis and the University of Southern California. He was in both private and academic practice of emergency medicine for over fifteen years and was a private consultant in medical toxicology and environmental medicine for much of that time. Dr. Kizer is board certified in six medical specialties and/or subspecialties and has authored over 400 original articles, book chapters, and other reports. He is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha National Honor Medical Society, the Delta Omega National Honorary Public Health Society, and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.