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As chairman of the Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease (PFCD), Thorpe works with a coalition of over 120 national and state-based organizations consisting of patients, providers, community organizations, business and labor groups, and health policy experts to raise awareness of the negative impact chronic disease has on the nation's health and economy.

In addition to holding a number of faculty positions, Thorpe was Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Policy in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services from 1993 to 1995. In this capacity, he coordinated all financial estimates and program impacts of President Clinton's health care reform proposals for the White House. He also directed the administration's estimation efforts in dealing with Congressional health care reform proposals during the 103rd and 104th sessions of Congress.

As chairman of PFCD and a respected health care expert, Thorpe regularly testifies before numerous committees in the U.S. Senate and House on many aspects of health care reform, including disease prevention, wellness and coordination of care.

Thorpe has authored and co-authored over 85 articles, book chapters and books and is a frequent national presenter at health care conferences, television and the media. He has appeared on Nightline with Ted Koppel, NBC News with Tom Brokaw, ABC World News Tonight with Peter Jennings, CNN, CNBC and Newshour with Jim Lehrer.

Previous academic positions held by Thorpe include the Vanselow Professor of Health Policy and Director, Institute for Health Services Research at Tulane University; Professor of Health Policy and Administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Associate Professor and Director of the Program on Health Care Financing and Insurance at the Harvard University School of Public Health; and Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Public Health at Columbia University. Thorpe has also held Visiting Faculty positions at Pepperdine University and Duke University.

In 1991, Thorpe was awarded the Young Investigator Award presented to the most promising health services researcher in the country under age 40 by the Association for Health Services Research. He also received the Hettleman Award for academic and scholarly research at the University of North Carolina and was provided an "Up and Comers" award by Modern Healthcare.

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