

**Opening Remarks**  
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DR. TUCKSON: Welcome to Day Number 2. We're ready to get started.

I want to make an announcement. For those who are on the Large Population Studies Task Force, I want to caucus with you for a few minutes right when we break for lunch. So just know that we'll get together for a few minutes off to the side and just go over some logistical issues, nothing of substance that would not be in the public domain but just some logistical technical things that I need to go over.

Well, good morning and welcome to Day Number 2. Today we're going to start off, of course, with the genetic discrimination session. As you all know, but reminding some of the newcomers to the committee, the issue of genetic discrimination in health insurance and employment has been the committee's top priority, and we've been closely monitoring federal legislative activities on this issue. In May, we sent Secretary Leavitt a compilation of public comments, a DVD of testimony we heard last fall highlighting various public perspectives on the genetic discrimination issue, and a legal analysis of the adequacy of current law. The Secretary's response to these items can be found in Tab 3 of the briefing book.

This morning we will hear an update on the status of federal genetic non-discrimination legislation and a report on public attitudes toward genetic technologies and genetic discrimination.

Bio sketches of our two presenters, whom we're very pleased have joined us, are provided in Tab 1.