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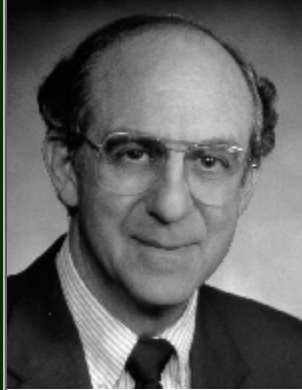
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Richard A. Cooper, M.D. is a Professor of Medicine and Health Policy and Director of the Health Policy Institute at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Dr. Cooper was graduated from Washington University School of Medicine in 1961 and received his training in internal medicine, hematology and oncology at the Harvard Medical Unit of the Boston City Hospital and the National Cancer Institute. Following two years on the faculty of the Harvard Medical School, Dr. Cooper became Chief of the Hematology Section in the Department of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania and subsequently Director of Penn's Cancer Center, positions that he held for 14 years. In 1985 he moved to the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, where he served as Executive Vice President and Dean for nine years and now serves as the Director of its Health Policy Institute, an interdisciplinary program in the areas of epidemiology, biostatistics, health services research, public health, bioethics and health care policy that he founded in 1992.

Dr. Cooper's interests in health policy have center on the health care workforce. He has played a principal role in bringing greater understanding to the interrelationships among physicians and various nonphysician clinician disciplines, and he has developed models for projecting the future demand, most importantly the "Trend Model," which is built around long-term economic and demographic that affect the supply and utilization of physicians and nonphysician clinicians. His recent work has centered on changes that are now taking place within the pool of applicants to medical school, the physicians of tomorrow.