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**Welcome All to the 2015 National Summit.**

We are pleased to welcome you – representing virtually every discipline within the field of advanced illness care – to C-TAC’s National Summit on Advanced Illness Care: Driving Change through Leadership, Evidence and Action.

This Summit is a unique opportunity at a critical moment. Together, we can find solutions that drive all of us toward positive change. By harnessing our collective expertise, we can accomplish our goal of better advanced illness care — for ourselves, the ones we love, those we provide care for, those we insure, those we provide support to, and those we counsel.

The Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC) is devoted to ensuring that *all* people with advanced illness receive high-quality, person-centered care regardless of setting. We define advanced illness as, _a time when one or more conditions become serious enough that general health and functioning decline and curative care begins to lose effect – a process that extends to the end of life_. Individuals with advanced illness have one or more chronic conditions, but their decline in health and function is more pronounced, faster, and in many cases irreversible.

The first Summit was held in January 2013 and examined the state of advanced illness care. This second National Summit builds upon that, and upon all that has happened in the past two years. Now, we are gathered to talk about action; how we can make proven approaches work in more universal applications.

Join us in igniting conversation and fueling ideas that will bring change to how advanced illness is viewed, treated, and experienced.

Sincerely,

Tom Koutsoumpas and Bill Novelli,

Co-Chairs, C-TAC