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***Politics, Policy, and People: The Future of Supportive Care***

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Dr. Friedland has devoted considerable effort to finding ways to synthesize and disseminate research findings. He has considerable experience studying the financing of health care and assessing the relationship between financing and the delivery of health and long-term care. He is currently working on a book about using reimbursement policies to improve the organization and delivery of medical care.

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