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Survey: Beliefs affect health services

Some physicians don't talk about options they oppose

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A disturbing number of doctors do not feel obligated to tell patients about medical options they oppose morally, such as abortion and teen birth control, and believe they have no duty to refer people elsewhere for such treatments, researchers say.

The survey of 1,144 doctors around the country is the first major look at how physicians' religious or moral beliefs might affect patients' care.

The study, conducted by University of Chicago researchers, found 86 percent of those responding believe doctors are obligated to present all treatment options, and 71 percent believe they must refer patients to another doctor for treatments they oppose. Slightly more than half the rest said they had no such obligation; the others were undecided.

"That means that there are a lot of physicians out there who are not, in fact, doing the right thing," said David Magnus, director of Stanford University's Center for Biomedical Ethics.

According to an American Medical Association policy statement, doctors can decline to give a treatment sought by an individual that is "incompatible with the physician's personal, religious or moral beliefs." But the physician should try to ensure the patient has access to adequate health care.

The survey did not examine whether these doctors act on their beliefs — that is, whether they actually withhold information or refuse to refer patients. But the researchers calculated that tens of millions of Americans might be going to such doctors.

"Conscientious objection is fine ... as long as it doesn't conflict with the rights of the patient," Magnus said. "You can't abandon the patient or essentially coerce the patient by saying you won't do the procedure or refer them to someone else."

Taurus revived



The 2008 Ford Taurus is displayed during the Chicago Auto Show on Wednesday in Chicago.

Ford revives name on new model

By TOM KRISHER
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CHICAGO

On his first day at work as chief executive of Ford Motor Co., Alan Mulally had a question that no one could answer: Why get rid of the Taurus?

Long before he was hired in September, the struggling company had decided to stop making what once was the most popular car in the United States, a decision that had him perplexed.

"How can it go away?" he remembered asking. "It's the best-selling car in America."

On Wednesday, at Mulally's insistence, the company announced that it was reviving the Taurus name.

The Dearborn, Mich.-based automaker made the official announcement at the Chicago Auto Show that it would place the storied moniker on the 2008 version of the Five Hundred.

In addition, an upgraded version of the Freestyle crossover vehicle will be re-badged as the Taurus X, and the Mercury Montego, the Five Hundred's cousin, will be renamed the Sable in the coming model year. The Sable was the Taurus' nearly identical cousin, with 2 million sold under the Mercury name.

Mulally said the Taurus' demise was one of the biggest disappointments he discovered as he started work. He still hasn't found out why the company gave up on the name of a car purchased by 7 million buyers during its 21-year history. All he knows is the decision was wrong and needed to be fixed.

"The Taurus, of course, has been an icon for Ford and its customers," Mulally said. "The customers want it back. They didn't want it to go away. They wanted us to keep improving it."

The Five Hundred, which Mulally used for a time as his personal car, should have been named the Taurus all along rather than



MULLALLY

"The customers want it back. They didn't want it to go away. They wanted us to keep improving it."

Alan Mulally
Chief executive of Ford Motor Co.
on the decision to start making the Taurus again

starting with a new name, he said.

"Think of how much time and attention and money it takes to establish a brand," Mulally said. "It's going to take unlimited effort and time to try to build up the brand that we have with the Taurus."

The Five Hundred, built on a Volvo frame and considered a capable but dull car by industry analysts, never took hold in the marketplace. It sold moderately well in 2005, its first full year on the market, but sales nose-dived last year from almost 108,000 to about 84,000.

It will get a new, more powerful engine, standard electronic stability control and some cosmetic updates for the 2008 model year, when the name change will take place. The new version will be in showrooms this summer, company officials have said.

The Taurus name is one of the top three most recognized Ford nameplates, behind only the F-Series pickup trucks and the Mustang, said Cisco Codina, Ford's vice president of North American marketing.

The Taurus was among the company's most recognizable brands in the 1980s and 1990s, but by the end of its lifetime it was almost exclusively sold to rental companies and other fleet buyers.

Last year, Ford lost \$12.7 billion, and it was forced to mortgage its factories to set up a credit line of more than \$20 billion as it undergoes a radical restructuring plan.

The Taurus, redesigned in 1996, became a symbol of the company's current ills. It was left almost unchanged for 10 years with little advertising support as the company focused on high-profit trucks and sport utility vehicles.

MIAMISBURG, Ohio

James E. Bryant Sr.

James E. Bryant Sr., 72, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007. He was a resident of Miamisburg, Ohio.

Survivors include his companion, Betty Zawacki; two sons, James E. (Pamela K.) Bryant Jr. and Jeffery (JoAnna) Bryant; four daughters, Kristi (Bob Vitacco) Miller, Kimberly (Kenney) Phegley, Pamela (Jim) Roberson and Jayne Wysong; seven siblings, Mable Howard, Louise Heath, Arvil Bryant, Welby Donald Bryant, Jackie Bryant, the Rev. Willard Bryant and Alvin Bryant; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Drurry Thomas and Fannie May Bryant; and his stepmother, Frances Bryant.

A service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday at Newcomer Funeral Home, 3940 Kettering Blvd. in Dayton, Ohio. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Highland, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 6100 W. 96th St., Indianapolis, IN 46278.

Information: www.newcomerfamily.com

INDIANAPOLIS

Harold Ray Jackson

Harold Ray Jackson, 83, passed away Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at his residence in Indianapolis.

He was born Jan. 13, 1924, in Paoli to the late John and Bertha (Sprinkle) Jackson. He married Rebecca Jane Elliott on May 25, 1946, and she survives.

He also is survived by four sons and their wives, Harold Ray II (Linda), Stephen K. (Amy), Howard L. (Linda) and Elliott K. (Debbie); nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, two nephews, two great-nieces and a great-granddaughter.

After graduating from high school, Harold joined the U.S. Navy, serving in the South Pacific during World War II and in the Mediterranean during the Korean War.

He received a certification for horticulture and floral design. Harold worked for the Metropolitan School District of Perry Township for 18 years as a maintenance supervisor.

He was a member of American Legion Post 0355 and Beech Grove Masonic Lodge 694. He was a member of Christ United Methodist Church of Indianapolis until Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, when he changed his membership to the church triumphant. Harold passed away at home surrounded by family.

A celebration of life service will be conducted by the Revs. David Lee and Ted Cuttrel at 1 p.m. Friday at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, 481 W. Main St. in Greenwood. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

Memorial contributions may be

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Robert C. Strain, 80

Elsewhere

James E. Bryant Sr., 72

made to Christ United Methodist Church, 8540 U.S. 31 South, Indianapolis, IN 46227; or the Roubush Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 1481 W. 10th St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

Online condolences may be sent to the Jackson family at www.wilsonstierre.com.

INDIANAPOLIS

Rex E. Kelp Sr.

Rex E. Kelp Sr., 90, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, in Martinsville. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include a daughter, Marilyn Burkhart; a son, Ronald Kelp; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Rose (Purcifield) Kelp; his wife, Mary Margaret Kelp; and a son, Rex Kelp Jr.

A service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 1977 S. State Road 135 in Greenwood. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 6030 W. 62nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46278.

INDIANAPOLIS

Robert C. Strain

Robert C. Strain, 80, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2007. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Gaylene Strain of Indianapolis; a son, John (Judy) Strain of Cleveland, Tenn.; a stepson, James David Smith of Indianapolis; a daughter, Susan (Klaus) Sorenson of Roswell, Ga.; a stepdaughter, Doreen Thomas of Indianapolis; a brother, Douglas Strain of Portland, Ore.; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clayton and Edith Strain; and his first wife, Ruth Strain.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday at Crown Hill Funeral Home, 700 W. 38th St. in Indianapolis. Friends may call from 12:30 p.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 6030 W. 62nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46278; Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 1252, Indianapolis, IN 46206; or Disciples of Christ CROP Program, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

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Wal-Mart joins push for universal health care

By DAN CATERINICCHIA
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WASHINGTON

Executives from Wal-Mart and three other major U.S. employers on Wednesday joined hands with union leaders in setting a goal of providing quality, affordable health care for millions of workers by 2012.

Joining Wal-Mart Stores Inc. CEO Lee Scott and Service Employees International Union leader Andrew Stern at a Washington press conference were top executives from Intel Corp., AT&T Inc. and Kelly Services Inc., a temporary staffing agency. However, the initiative left Wal-Mart's two leading union critics divided.

The partnership of business and union leaders laid out four main goals, including universal health-care coverage for every

person in America and raising "the value (America) receives for every health-care dollar" spent.

"Government alone won't and can't solve this crisis," Scott said. "By following this campaign's common sense principles, we believe America can have high quality, affordable and accessible health care by 2012."

The SEIU funds campaign group Wal-Mart Watch, which as recently as last month said Wal-Mart's health plans were a raw deal for employees. But Stern said he joined Wal-Mart and the other employers because America's health care system requires

fundamental change.

"It's time to admit the employer-based health care system is dead," Stern said.

Despite praise from SEIU and Communications Workers of America leaders who called for universal health care for every American within five years, Paul Blank, the campaign director for WakeUpWalMart.com, gave only tepid support for the plan in a prepared statement.

"If Wal-Mart is truly serious," Blank said, "we challenge the company to provide universal health care to all of its uninsured employees and their families today." Blank's group is funded by the United Food and

Commercial Workers, which did not participate in Wednesday's news conference.

The business and union leaders, in forming a coalition dubbed "Better Health Care Together," pledged to convene a national summit by the end of May to recruit other leaders from business, labor, government and non-profits.

In late morning trading, shares of Wal-Mart fell 3 cents to \$48.55, while shares of AT&T slid 30 cents to \$37.21, both on the New York Stock Exchange. On the Nasdaq Stock Market, shares of Intel gained 22 cents to \$21.53, while those of Kelly Services declined 9 cents to \$30.91.

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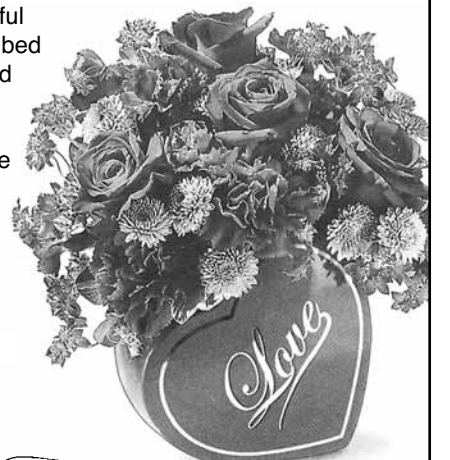
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