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**SPEAKERS**

**Dr. Harry Jacobson**, Founder, Tri-Star Technology Ventures

Dr. Jacobson is Chairman of MedCare Investment Funds and is a Principal in TriStar Technology Ventures, a TNInvestco fund investing in early-stage health care opportunities. He is also a founder and managing partner of the Health Care Investment Group.

From 1997-2009, Dr. Jacobson led the Vanderbilt University Medical Center as the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs.

Dr. Jacobson received his M.D. in 1972 from the University of Illinois; he completed his medical residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1974 and his specialty training in Nephrology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in 1976. After two years of active duty as a Major in the United States Army stationed in the Burn Unit at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, Dr. Jacobson began a career in academic Nephrology spanning seven years on the faculty at UT Southwestern and 25 years on the faculty at Vanderbilt, where from 1985–1997 he built and directed Vanderbilt's Nephrology programs.

Dr. Jacobson was an active researcher and clinician, publishing over 100 scientific papers and editing a major text book in Nephrology. In 2002, Dr. Jacobson's contributions to medicine were recognized by his election to the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine. Throughout Dr. Jacobson's academic career, he has been engaged as an entrepreneur in a number of health care companies, including as a founder in 1996 of Renal Care Group (RCG:NYSE), a successful publicly traded dialysis services company. Currently Dr. Jacobson serves on the Boards of Merck (MRK:NYSE), Kinetic Concepts (KCI:NYSE) and Ingram Industries, as well as on the Boards of several early-stage health care companies.

Dr. Jacobson is a former Chairman of the Board of the Nashville Health Care Council and a former Chair of the Middle Tennessee Board of the Boy Scouts of America. Dr. Jacobson and his wife Jan have three children and seven grandchildren.