As a new president and Congress pledge to change the direction of U.S. health care, we have entered an era of marked uncertainty regarding the future health of the American public. Dr. Kirch will examine the great challenges that health care professionals face, especially those working in academic health centers. These challenges include upheaval in the financing and delivery of health care, the new realities of today’s students and the ways they approach education, the anti-science movement, burnout among health professionals, health disparities and social injustice, and a deficit of health care leaders prepared to manage change.

As he discusses the forces shaping health in the United States, Dr. Kirch will also examine how health care professionals can harness innovation, resilience, and leadership to prevail despite these challenges.

The Health of Americans in a New Political Order

Tuesday, April 18, 2017
5:30 PM • DuVal Auditorium
1501 N. Campbell Ave.

The lecture is free and open to the public.
Visitor parking is available at the Banner – University Medical Center visitor parking garage at the rate of $1.50 per hour, cash only.

Dr. Darrell G. Kirch is president and CEO of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), which represents the nation’s medical schools, teaching hospitals, and academic medical societies.

A distinguished physician, educator, and medical scientist, Dr. Kirch speaks and publishes widely on the need for transformation in the nation’s health care system and how academic medicine can lead change across medical education, biomedical research, and patient care. Prior to becoming AAMC president in 2006, Dr. Kirch served as the dean and academic health system leader of two institutions, the Medical College of Georgia and the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. He has co-chaired the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, the accrediting body for U.S. medical schools, and chaired the Washington Higher Education Secretariat. Dr. Kirch also is a member of the National Academy of Medicine.

A psychiatrist and clinical neuroscientist by training, Dr. Kirch began his career at the National Institute of Mental Health, becoming the acting scientific director in 1993 and receiving the Outstanding Service Medal of the United States Public Health Service. A native of Denver, he earned his BA and MD degrees from the University of Colorado.

For more information:
Roxanna Apaez
520-626-5983
rapaez@email.arizona.edu