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## Letters to the Editor

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Dear Dr. Nash,

I read with interest your *Health Policy Newsletter*, Volume 14, #1, March 2001, addressing the National Quality Forum (NQF).

As Executive Director of the American Board of Plastic Surgery, and a member of the Executive Committee with The American Board of Medical Specialties, I am particularly interested in the measurement of health care quality and the development of standards of assessing physician practices. We are especially focused on the re-certification and maintenance of certification issues. Because I work actively in this field, I am well aware of the NQF. I am writing to commend you on your outstanding summary of the NQF in your March newsletter. It is a complicated issue, and your well-written, concise summary should be read by all physicians throughout the system.

I look forward to further communications from you on this topic, and I enjoy reading the *Health Policy Newsletter*.

Sincerely yours,

**R. Barrett Noone, MD**

*Main Line Health System Chief  
Division of Plastic Surgery*

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Dear Dr. Nash,

I have been receiving the *Health Policy Newsletter* since attending a course you gave in Dallas last fall. I haven't gotten out to get it yet, but will run, at my earliest opportunity, to my local bookstore to get *The Tipping Point*. Your review was excellent, and the notion of a social epidemic and what can cause it most provocative. I love good writing. I hope the book is as good as your review.

**James Butterick, M.D.**

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Dear Dr. Nash,

I have really enjoyed the *Health Policy Newsletter* each month, and I especially appreciated your editorial, "A Health Care Tipping Point?" Gladwell's book is exceptionally wise, to my mind, and does prompt questions about the "infectious" quality of change. Thanks for keeping me on the list!

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