



# Perspectives on Competition Policy and the Health Care Marketplace

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# Overview

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- Acknowledgments
- Rationale for Hearings
- Some Major Aims
- Personal Views



# Acknowledgments

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- Department of Justice
- Federal Trade Commission



# Rationale

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- Historical Activity
- “Competition Policy Research & Development”
  - See Timothy J. Muris, *Looking Forward: The Federal Trade Commission and the Future Development of U.S. Competition Policy* (Dec. 10, 2002)
- Intellectual Leadership



# Some Major Aims

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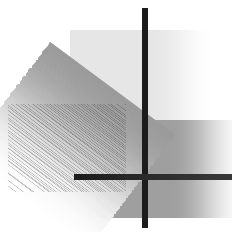
- Improve Understanding of the Institutional Arrangements
  - See Timothy J. Muris, *Improving the Economic Foundations of Competition Policy* (January 15, 2003)
- Commercial Phenomena
- Regulatory Environment



# Formulating Policy Strategy

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- Improving Conceptual Foundation
  - Competition Policy (Including antitrust)
  - Consumer Protection
  - Regulatory Reform
- Selecting Policy Instruments
  - DOJ/FTC/States
  - HHS



# Improving Empirical Basis for Policy

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- Public Sector Studies
  - E.g., FTC Hospital Retrospectives
  - E.g., FTC Generic Drug Study (2002)
- Academic Research



# Conclusion

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- Institutions
- Strategy
- Empirical Study