

# 2015 Merrimon Lecture

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***"Seven Assumptions that Drive  
Too Much Health Care"***

Thursday, March 5, 2015

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

G100 Bondurant Hall, UNC School of Medicine



Dr. Welch is a general internist at the White River Junction VA and a professor of Medicine at the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Research. Dr. Welch's research has focused on the problems created by medicine's efforts to detect disease early: physicians test too often, treat too aggressively and tell too many people that they are sick. Much of his work has focused on overdiagnosis in cancer screening: in particular, screening for melanoma, thyroid, lung, breast and prostate cancer. He is the author of [SHOULD I BE TESTED FOR CANCER? Maybe Not and Here's Why](#) (UC Press 2004), an author of [OVERDIAGNOSED: Making People Sick in the Pursuit of Health](#) (Beacon Press 2011) and has just completed his newest book: **LESS MEDICINE, MORE HEALTH: 7 Assumptions that Drive Too Much Medical Care** (Beacon Press 2015).