Public-private partnerships can be effective in leveraging the relative strengths of both sectors to address problems that neither one could tackle adequately on its own.

Focusing on India, Dr A. Venkat Raman traces the emergence of such partnerships and examines how the private sector is increasingly tapped to deliver health care services to poor and under-served sections of society. Dr Hongwen Zhao describes the concept of “unregulated commercialization” in relation to public-private partnerships and the work of WHO.

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