## MAURY STRAUSS DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC LECTURE

Presented by the Fralin Biomedical Research Institute at VTC



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## How Big Med Drives Rising Healthcare Costs and What to Do About It

The costs of employer-provided health insurance have more than tripled in the past 25 years, consuming an ever larger share of American workers' take-home pay. Dr. Ho will discuss the role that healthcare provider consolidation has played in raising hospital prices. She will examine the potential for federal price transparency regulations and other publicly available information to shed light on which providers are charging the highest prices and earning excess profits. She will then consider the role that employers can play in helping their employees achieve high quality, affordable healthcare.

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(Reception and hors d'oeuvres at 5 p.m.) Room M203, 2 Riverside Circle

