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## **Statement on Campaign for Effective Patient Care's Release of California Voter Poll on Evidence Based Health Care September 2, 2009**

**“Patients want to be more involved in their medical care. They want to know what their options are when it comes to medical treatment and which of those options are supported by the best medical evidence. We also know that more care is not necessarily better care. Unnecessary hospitalizations and unwanted surgeries expose patients to the possibility of hospital-acquired infections and other types of medical errors.**

**“The use of evidence-based medicine is consistent with my work on patient empowerment, whether it is in a hospital or in a doctor’s office. The findings that come out of this will help support patients and health care providers and is a vital component of health care reform.”**

**State Senator Elaine Kontominas Alquist  
(D-San Jose)**

