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Alumnus Chidi Achebe wields powerful weapons—an M.D., an M.P.H., and an M.B.A., plus a can-do spirit—in addressing the health-care disparities and needs of Boston's inner city.

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Map Quest **48**

The decades-long quest to parse the piecemeal nature of the American health-care system has put Dartmouth on the map. But along with plaudits has come criticism. Here, two experts behind the renowned *Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care* explain why its findings really do hold up.

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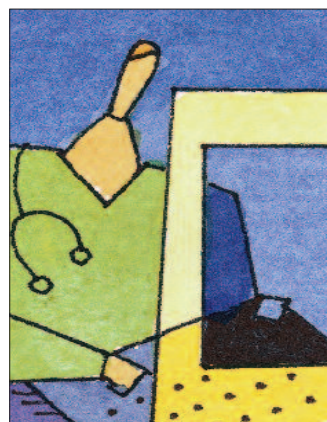
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Unfortunately, it rained the day photographer Jon Gilbert Fox was in Boston to photograph Dr. Chidi Achebe. But there's a silver lining to the day's clouds in that the umbrella Achebe obligingly hoisted is not a bad metaphor for the coverage he extends to the residents of Boston's inner city. See page 26 to read about his work.