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## News Release

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# President Bush Appoints New Members to USU Board of Regents

**BETHESDA, Md.** – The Senate confirmed the Presidential appointments of two new members to the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) Aug. 3.

Colleen M. Conway-Welch, Ph.D., Nashville, Tenn., and C. Thomas Yarrington, Jr., M.D., Seattle, were each appointed to six-year terms on the Board. The Board consists of nine members appointed by the President who serve as advisors to the USU President and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

Dr. Conway-Welch is Dean and Nancy and Hilliard Travis Professor of Nursing at the Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. She has served as Dean since 1984. A member of the Institute of Medicine, she is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and a Charter Fellow of the American College of Nurse-Midwives. She is a leader in advanced practice nursing curriculum, technology, women's health, global migration of nurses and emergency preparedness. She is the director of the International Nursing Coalition for Mass Casualty Education and is interested in issues of communication and collaboration between military and civilian nurses in natural and man-made disasters.

Dr. Yarrington is a Clinical Professor at the University of Washington in Seattle. He was previously Professor and Chair of Otolaryngology at the University of Nebraska. Dr. Yarrington recently retired from the Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, where he was a surgeon for over twenty years, serving as head of Otolaryngology, and later, Chief of Surgery. He is a retired Brigadier General, U.S. Air Force, and is a visiting professor to several universities and learned societies in the U.S. and Europe.

"We are pleased to have Dr. Conway-Welch and Dr. Yarrington join our University's Board of Regents," said Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs William Winkenwerder, Jr., M.D., MBA. "The Board plays a very important advisory role and these two distinguished members bring with them a wealth of experience and knowledge that will help our university assume a more prominent position among the nation's institutions of higher learning."

The two new members replace L.D. Britt, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.S., F.C.C.M., of Norfolk, Va., and Ikram U. Khan, M.D., of Las Vegas, Nevada, whose terms recently expired.

Established by Congress in 1972, the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences ([www.usuhs.mil](http://www.usuhs.mil)) is located on the campus of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and is the nation's only federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing.