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News Release

USU to Host Federal Health Care Informatics

BETHESDA, Md. – The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) is scheduled to host a panel discussion on "The Emerging Role of Informatics in Health Care Delivery and Research" on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

After a brief presentation by the USU President, Charles L. Rice, M.D., speakers will provide a brief presentation which will be followed by a facilitated question and answer period. Participants include: Suniti Ponkshe, IBM Global Services; Carl Hendricks, Chief Information Officer (CIO), Military Health System, Department of Defense; Dr. Terry Cullen, CIO Indian Health Service; Rear Adm. Carol Romano, Deputy CIO, National Institutes of Health; and Dr. Charles Friedman, Associate Director for Research Informatics and Information Technology, NHLBI, National Institutes of Health.

The introduction of the electronic health record and other technologies is profoundly influencing how health care is delivered and creating new opportunities in clinical and translational research. USU is hosting this panel discussion to address the topic of the emerging role of informatics in health delivery and research.

The event will be open to federal employees within the National Capitol Area, and also transmitted live over the internet for national distribution, and recorded for later reference.

Established by the U.S. Congress in 1972, the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences is located on the campus of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., and is the nation's only federal school of medicine, including a graduate program in the biomedical sciences, and graduate school of nursing.

The panel discussion will be held in Lecture Room D, Building C at USU from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For more information contact Lt. Cmdr. Ron Gimbel, Ph.D., at (301) 295-3077 or visit www.usuhs.mil.