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News Release

Leading HIV/AIDS Expert Dr. Anthony Fauci to Address Plenary Session at USU

BETHESDA, Md. – Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, MD, will speak on *HIV/AIDS : Much Accomplished, Much to Do* at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) May 16 as part of the university's annual Research Week.

Dr. Fauci has been instrumental in developing strategies for therapy and immune reconstitution in leading the world's efforts in fundamental research on HIV/AIDS. He continues his research in pursuit of identifying the nature of the immunopathogenic mechanisms of HIV infection and the scope of the body's immune responses to the AIDS retrovirus.

Dr Fauci is one of the most-cited scientists in all disciplines throughout the world in and was the world's 10th most-cited HIV/AIDS researcher in the period 1996-2006. He recently received the 2007 George M. Kober Medal of the Association of American Physicians (AAP) for his outstanding contributions to academic medicine. The Kober Medal is named after George M. Kober, M.D., a pioneer in public health reform in the late 19th century and the early 20th century. It recognizes physicians acknowledged as leaders in internal medicine and is the highest honor of the Association of American Physicians.

USU researchers are at the forefront of HIV/AIDS through, among other efforts, a multi-faceted research program on HIV vaccine development. University Research Week lectures on HIV/AIDS include a symposium titled: *Pre-clinical and Clinical HIV Research in the Department of Defense IDCRP HIV Research*, with presentations by CAPT Gerald Quinnan, MC, USA, *Progress in HIV Preventive Vaccine Development*; Col Matt Dolan, MC, USAF, *The Impact of Host Genetic Factors on HIV Disease Progression*; and Nancy Crum-Cianflonel, Naval Medical Center San Diego, *Translational Clinical Research: MRSA in the HIV-Infected Military Clinic Population*.

University researchers are also active in infectious disease research as a part of DoD health promotion programs. A symposium titled: *Infectious Diseases Affecting Military Personnel and Related Research Efforts*, will include presentations by Dr. David Tribble, *Wartime Infectious Disease Threats Affecting Military Personnel*; MAJ Kim Moran, MC, USA, *Multidrug Resistant Gram Negative Bacterial Wound Infections*; COL Naomi Aronson, MC, USA, *Cutaneous Leishmaniasis*; LCDR Mark Riddle, MC, USA, *Diarrheal Disease*; and LCDR Todd Gleeson, MC, USA, *Q Fever*.

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The university's nationally ranked military and civilian faculty conduct cutting edge research in the biomedical sciences and in areas specific to the DoD health care mission such as combat casualty, infectious diseases, and radiation biology. The university is committed to technology transfer to ensure that the results of research are made widely available and currently holds more than 289 patents or pending patents.

Media interested in attending any of the lectures should call the Office of External Affairs at (301) 295-1219.

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