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## News Release

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# **USU Professor of Surgery Receives 2008 ASM Abbott Laboratories Award in Clinical and Diagnostic Immunology**

**BETHESDA, Md.** — Steven A. Rosenberg, M.D., Ph.D., professor of surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU), received the 2008 American Society for Microbiology Abbott Laboratories Award in Clinical and Diagnostic Immunology during the 108<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the ASM, June 1- 5.

The Abbott Laboratories Award recognizes a distinguished scientist in clinical or diagnostic immunology for outstanding contributions. Rosenberg's achievements include the development of interleukin-2 as the first effective immunotherapy for cancer, identification of more than two dozen human cancer-associated antigens used in studies of cancer immunology and immunotherapy, and the first clinical studies of gene therapy against cancer.

Rosenberg received his B.A. and M.D. from Johns Hopkins University and his Ph.D. in Biophysics from Harvard University.

Located on the grounds of Bethesda's National Naval Medical Center and across from the National Institutes of Health, USU is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. The university educates health care professionals dedicated to career service in the Department of Defense and the U.S. Public Health Service. Students are active-duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service, who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, national disasters, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health emergencies. Of the university's more than 4,200 physician alumni, the vast majority serve on active duty and are supporting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, offering their leadership and expertise.

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