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USU Professor Earns Prestigious Medical Award for Leishmaniasis Work

BETHESDA, Md. – Army Col. (Dr.) Naomi Aronson, a professor of medicine and alumna of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU), was named the recipient of the 2007 Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Foundation First Award by the American College of Physicians (ACP).

Dr. Aronson, who is director of the USU Department of Medicine's Division of Infectious Diseases, received the award in recognition of her most recent innovative work making a notable contribution to improve clinical care in the field of internal medicine, specifically her outstanding achievements in the development of treatment and delivery of care for leishmaniasis, a common and sometimes serious problem for troops and civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan. She is the sole recipient of the 2007 award, and it will be presented to her in a special ceremony at the national ACP meeting in April 2007.

Dr. Aronson joins other notable physician-scientists in receiving this award, including Robert Gallo, M.D., who co-discovered the HIV virus and pioneered the development of the HIV blood test, world renowned bioethicist Edmund Pellegrino, M.D., and Anthony Fauci, M.D., director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the National Institutes of Health.

Established by the U.S. Congress in 1972, the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (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.

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