

## USU Professor Appointed Chief for Integrated Radiology Department

Bethesda, MD – Vincent Ho, M.D., professor and vice chair in the Department of Radiology and Radiological Sciences at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU), has been selected to serve as the head of the newly integrated Department of Radiology of the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) and Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC). The two medical centers are slated to merge into the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center at Bethesda in 2011.

“Dr. Ho’s selection exemplifies the importance of the strong academic relationship between USU and the military treatment facilities,” said USU President Charles L. Rice, M.D. “Dr. Ho’s military and academic experience make him especially well-suited to fill this important role and USU is delighted that he has been selected for this appointment.”

Ho is a recognized expert in cardiovascular imaging, sitting on the editorial boards for clinical and research journals, including: *Circulation: Cardiovascular Imaging*; the *International Journal of Cardiovascular Imaging*; and the *Journal of Thoracic Imaging*. He has established numerous research collaborations with clinicians and scientists at USU, NNMC, the National Institutes of Health and industry. Dr. Ho also has led the Cardiovascular MR service at NNMC, while serving on the teaching faculty for the National Capital Area Diagnostic Radiology residency program, the National Capital Area Cardiology fellowship, and the NNMC Body Imaging fellowship.

Ho is a Fellow of the American Heart Association and President-elect of the North American Society for Cardiovascular Imaging. He is a member of numerous professional committees, including the Cardiac and Vascular Appropriateness Criteria Expert Panels of the American College of Radiology. He has been an invited Written Board Item Writer and Oral Examiner for the American Board of Radiology in cardiac imaging.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor with his Bachelor of Science degree, Ho continued work for his M.D. degree at the University of Michigan Medical School through the Armed Forces Health Professionals Scholarship Program, graduating in 1987. He completed a transitional internship, followed by a diagnostic radiology residency at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, before joining the teaching faculty at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington, where he served as a clinical assistant professor of radiology at the University of Washington and the Oregon Health Sciences 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, natural 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.