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ASSOCIATION OF ACADEMIC HEALTH CENTERS NAMES TEXAS A&M'S DR. NANCY W. DICKEY CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21—**Nancy W. Dickey, MD**, president of the Texas A&M Health Science Center and vice chancellor for health affairs for the Texas A&M University System, has been named chair of the board of directors of the Association of Academic Health Centers.

A former dean and current professor of family and community medicine in the college of medicine, Dr. Dickey is past president of the American Medical Association and founding program director of the Family Practice Residency of the Brazos Valley. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Scott & White Hospital Foundation, and has served on the National Institutes of Health's Advisory Council on Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the Advisory Committee for Reproductive Health Drugs of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Dickey is also a member of the Institute of Medicine.

She holds five honorary doctoral degrees, including a Doctor of Science from the University of Massachusetts and a Doctor of Laws from the Medical College of Pennsylvania. Dr. Dickey is editor-in-chief of the patient education segment of Medem, an Internet-based patient-physician interface, and editor of *The Journal of Patient Safety*.

Philip A. Pizzo, MD, dean of the school of medicine at Stanford University, has been named chair-elect of the board of directors.

Before joining Stanford in 2001, Dr. Pizzo was the physician-in-chief of Children's Hospital in Boston and chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School and is nationally recognized for his contributions as a clinical investigator, especially in the treatment of children with cancer and HIV. Dr. Pizzo also had a distinguished career in government, holding several positions at the National Cancer Institute from 1973 to 1996, including serving as acting scientific director for the Division of Clinical Services. Dr. Pizzo also received the Outstanding Service Medal of the U.S. Public Health Service in 1995. He is the author of more than 500 scientific articles and 14 books. Dr. Pizzo is a member of the Institute of Medicine.

Newly elected to the board for three-year terms are **Claire Pomeroy, MD, MBA**, vice chancellor for human health sciences and dean of the school of medicine, University of California, Davis; **Daniel W. Rahn, MD**, president, Medical College of Georgia, and senior vice chancellor, health and medical programs, University System of Georgia MCG; and **M. Roy Wilson, MD, MS**, chancellor, University of Colorado Denver.

The Association of Academic Health Centers is a national, non-profit organization that seeks to improve health and well-being through vigorous leadership of the nation's academic health centers.

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