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For Immediate Release:

Chicago Medical School (CMS) Honors Three Alumni with Distinguished Alumnus Awards

Drs. David S. Boyer, Philip Dray, Robert Goodkin Garner Prestigious Accolades for Notable Contributions to Society



David S. Boyer, MD '72



Philip Dray, MD '80



Robert Goodkin, MD '64

NORTH CHICAGO, IL – The Alumni Association of the Chicago Medical School (CMS) has bestowed its Distinguished Alumnus Awards upon David S. Boyer, MD '72; Philip Dray, MD '80 and Robert Goodkin, MD '64 at its recent 2008 annual alumni reunion dinner reception.

Each year, the Chicago Medical School Alumni Board of Governors recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in the medical profession and exemplified consistent commitment and dedication to the Chicago Medical School and the CMS Alumni Association. All 2008 recipients – Drs. Boyer, Dray and Goodkin – are respected authorities in their medical specialties of neurosurgery and ophthalmology with outstanding research and leadership achievements.

Dr. David S. Boyer has dedicated his professional life as an ophthalmologist to the research and treatment of retina and vitreous disease. He is a board-certified ophthalmologist, specializing in the treatment of diseases of the retina and vitreous disease.

Following his graduation from CMS in 1972, Dr. Boyer completed his internship and residency at the Los Angeles County/University of Southern California Medical School.

A resident of Sherman Oaks, California, Dr. Boyer's professional impact extends throughout the United States.

He is the senior partner at Retina-Vitreous Associates Medical Group with offices in Southern California as well as Clinical Professor with the University of Southern California.

He also serves as a consultant for several pharmaceutical companies and is a reviewer for major medical journals with international impact, such as *Diabetes Care*, *American Journal of Ophthalmology*, *Journal of Retina* and the *British Journal of Ophthalmology*.

Dr. Boyer has received numerous awards for his excellence, including the American Academy of Ophthalmology Board of Trustees Honor Award Certificate, the Jules Stein Living Tribute Award from the Retinitis Pigmentosa International and, most recently, the University of Southern California Doheny Distinguished Alumnus Award.

He is currently the principal investigator for clinical trials of treatments for age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and diabetic retinopathy, both known as leading causes of blindness.

Dr. Boyer delivered a CMS Distinguished Alumnus Lecture titled "The Role of Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) Blockade in the Treatment of Wet Age Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)."

Dr. Philip Dray has been a practicing comprehensive ophthalmologist for over 20 years. He is board-certified and the current Chairman of Ophthalmology at the John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, IL, and the Chairman of the Credentials Committee.

Dr. Dray has served as John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital's chief surgical teacher in ophthalmology for two decades and also has served as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (RFUMS). These dual appointments have enabled him to train and influence an entire generation of ophthalmologists — many of whom are graduates of the Chicago Medical School.

In November 2008, the RFUMS Board of Trustees approved Dr. Dray's promotion to Associate Professor of Ophthalmology (Clinical Educator Track).

Earning his bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, IL, Dr. Dray achieved his medical degree from the Chicago Medical School and performed his internship training at Illinois Masonic Hospital.

He proceeded to complete his residency in ophthalmology at Cook County Hospital in 1984. Here, he continued to work, rising through the ranks to his current post as Chairman of the Division of Ophthalmology of John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital.

He has served as past secretary and is current president of CMS' District 6. In addition to serving as CMS District trustee on the CMS Board, Dr. Dray has served on the Midwest Clinical Conference Committee, Budget Committee and Service Bureau.

He serves as a delegate to the Illinois State Medical Society (ISMS), a professional membership association representing over 12,000 physicians practicing in all specialties statewide.

Dr. Dray is a past president of the Chicago Ophthalmological Society.

Dr. Dray delivered a CMS Distinguished Alumnus Lecture titled "The Selection, Training and Evaluation of a New Expert."

Dr. Goodkin is a renowned neurosurgeon with a distinguished national and international reputation.

Dr. Goodkin is board certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgeons and is Professor Emeritus at the University of Washington Medical School in the Department of Neurological Surgery with a joint appointment in the Department of Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Goodkin's early contributions in experimental investigation of the pathophysiology of traumatic spinal cord injury and its treatment have earned widespread recognition. In addition, he has been involved in the advancement of skull base surgery for secondary tumors.

Recently, Dr. Goodkin has worked in the treatment of Parkinson's disease and movement disorders with deep brain stimulation. Presently, Dr. Goodkin serves as a consultant to the Medical-Legal Department of the Veterans Administration.

He has served either as Chairman, Director or Chief of the Departments of Neurological Surgery at the University Hospital of Jacksonville, FL; the City Hope National Medical Center in Duarte, CA; Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis in Tacoma, WA and the Veterans Administration Puget Sound Health Care System in Seattle, Washington.

Dr. Goodkin has held faculty appointments in the Departments of Neurological Surgery at the University of Florida; University of Miami School of Medicine; University of Southern California; and the University of Washington School of Medicine where he is currently a Professor Emeritus with a Joint Appointment in the Department of Radiation Oncology.

In 2007 Dr. Goodkin was appointed an associate editor of *Surgical Neurology*, one of his specialty's major journals. He is also a past president of the Neurosurgical Society of America.

A New York City native, Dr. Goodkin graduated from New York University in 1960. Following his graduation from the Chicago Medical School in 1964, he returned to NYU/Bellevue Medical Center to complete his surgical internship and his residency programs in neurology, neurological surgery, neuroradiology and neuropathology.

Dr. Goodkin delivered a CMS Distinguished Alumnus Lecture titled "The Case for the Question of Hope for Patients that have a Complete Spinal Cord Injury."

First established in 1962, the CMS Distinguished Alumni Award is given to its graduates who have distinguished themselves in the medical profession and exemplified consistent commitment and dedication to the Chicago Medical School and the CMS Alumni Association.

There are approximately 6200 graduates of the Chicago Medical School.

About Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science (RFUMS) is a national leader in interprofessional medical and healthcare education, comprising the Chicago Medical School, College of Health Professions, Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine and School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Rosalind Franklin University recently received approval for its new doctoral program in Interprofessional Healthcare Studies – the first in Illinois – and has launched a new master in science program in Psychology Clinical Counseling in fall 2008.

There are nearly 6,000 RFUMS degreed graduates in the United States and worldwide.