

# Don E. Detmer, MD, Named President and CEO by American Medical Informatics Association



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The Board of the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) announced the appointment of Don E. Detmer, MD, MA, as the president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the association. AMIA is the premier organization for leaders shaping the future of

health information technology. AMIA links the developers and users of health information technology, creating an environment that fosters advances that revolutionize health care. The 3,200 members of AMIA include physicians, nurses, computer and information scientists, biomedical engineers, medical librarians, and academic researchers and educators. AMIA is the official US representative organization to the International Medical Informatics Association.

Dr. Detmer will retain his position of professor emeritus and professor of medical education in the Department of Health Evaluation Sciences at the University of Virginia. He is also senior associate of the Judge Institute of Management, University of Cambridge, a trustee of the Nuffield Trust of London, and a fellow of Clare Hall at Cambridge. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine, a lifetime associate of the National Academies, and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Academy Health, and the American Colleges of Medical Informatics, Surgeons, and Sports Medicine. From 1999 to 2003, he was the Dennis Gillings Professor of Health

Management and the director of Cambridge University Health at the Judge Institute of Management, Cambridge's business school. Prior to the years in England, he was vice president for health sciences at the universities of Virginia and Utah and on the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is immediate past chairman of the board on health care services of the Institute of Medicine and the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics. He has also chaired the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine.

Dr. Detmer received his medical degree in 1965 from the University of Kansas, with subsequent training at the National Institutes of Health, the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Duke University Medical Center, the Institute of Medicine, and Harvard Business School. In 1979, he received a Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Teaching at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His bibliography is extensive and spans a number of fields relating to health care delivery and policy. He received a master of arts from the University of Cambridge in 2002.

## Health and Human Services Secretary Names Four to National Neurology Advisory Council

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Tommy G. Thompson announced four new appointments to the National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council, the major advisory panel of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS). The NINDS, a component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) within the HHS, is the nation's primary supporter of basic, translational, and clinical research on the brain and nervous system. NINDS Director Story Landis, PhD, introduced the new members, who will serve through July 2008, at the Council's September 9, 2004, meeting.

The National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council meets three times each year to review applications from scientists seeking financial support for biomedical research and research training on disorders of the brain and nervous system. Members also advise the Institute on research program planning and priorities. The 18-member Council is composed of physicians, scientists, and representatives of the public. The new members are as follows:

- Francisco González-Scarano, MD, professor and chair of the Department of Neurology and professor in

the Department of Microbiology at the University of Pennsylvania. He also codirects the Penn Center for AIDS Research. His expertise is in human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) neuropathogenesis, other aspects of neurovirology, and inflammatory diseases of the nervous system, such as multiple sclerosis. He received his undergraduate degree in economics (cum laude) from Yale University and his medical degree from Northwestern University. Dr. González-Scarano is on the editorial board for the journals *Glia*, *Virus Research*, *Journal of Neurovirology*, *Virology*, and *Journal of Virology*. He