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Rear Admiral Steven Galson, Ex Officio Board of Regents Member

Since October 2007, Public Health Service Rear Adm. Steven Galson has served as Acting Surgeon General of the United States.

Prior to this appointment, he served as the director of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). As the director, Rear Adm. Galson oversaw CDER's broad national and international programs in pharmaceutical regulation and provided leadership for 2,300 physicians, statisticians, chemists, pharmacologists and other scientists, as well as administrators whose work promoted and protected public health by ensuring that safe and effective drugs are available to the American public.

Rear Adm. Galson began his Public Health Service career as an epidemiological investigator at the Centers for Disease Control after completing a residency in internal medicine at the Hospitals of the Medical College of Pennsylvania. He has held senior-level positions at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Energy where he was the chief medical officer, and the Department of Health and Human Services. Prior to his arrival at the FDA, Rear Adm. Galson was the director of the Office of Science Coordination and Policy, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, at the EPA. Dr. Galson joined the FDA in April 2001 as the CDER deputy center director and was appointed director in July 2005.

Rear Adm. Galson received his bachelor's degree from Stony Brook University in 1978, a medical degree from the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in 1983, and a Master of Public Health

from the Harvard School of Public Health in 1990. He is board certified in general preventive medicine and public health as well as in occupational medicine.

Rear Adm. Galson is the recipient of numerous Public Health Service awards, including the Outstanding Service Medal for his leadership and management of CDER during a time of national crisis. He is also the recipient of three Secretary of Energy Gold Awards.

Rear Adm. Galson is member of the Institute of Medicine Forum on Drug Discovery, Development, and Translation and recently completed a term as member of the National Board of Medical Examiners. He is a regular peer reviewer for medical journals.