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## News Release

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### Pellmar Named Scientific Director of AFRRI

**BETHESDA, Md.** – [Terry C. Pellmar, Ph.D.](#), was recently appointed as the scientific director of the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute here.

The director of AFRRI, Col. Robert R. Eng; the dean of the School of Medicine of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Dr. Larry Laughlin; and the president of USUHS, Dr. James Zimble, selected her for the position.

Prior to joining the AFRRI staff, Pellmar served as director of the Board on Neurosciences and Behavioral Health at the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C.

Pellmar graduated from Brown University and received her doctorate degree in physiology and pharmacology at Duke University in 1977. She completed postdoctoral training at AFRRI and at the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

She started working at AFRRI in 1982 as a full time research physiologist and in 1984 assumed the position of chief project manager of the neurophysiology program. In 1995, Pellmar was appointed as chairman of the Radiation Pathophysiology and Toxicology Department and was co-team leader of the Nuclear/Biological/Chemical Interactions and Countermeasures team.

In January 1999, Pellmar joined the staff of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences.

She is married to Howard Leikin, and is the daughter of Ruben and Frances Pellmar of Edison, N.J.