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Media Advisory

USU professor named one of best in America

BETHESDA, Md. – Best Doctors in America has named the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences' (USU) Robert J. Ursano, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Neuroscience, Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, as one of the best doctors in America for 2005-2006.

“Doctor Ursano is a ‘man for all seasons,’ a caring physician, a creative researcher and a charismatic leader in the field of psychiatry,” said Larry Laughlin, M.D., Ph.D., dean of USU’s school of medicine.

According to the Best Doctors website the Best Doctors database is based on an exhaustive, peer-review-based evaluation of the medical profession in which the Best Doctors organization contact about 50,000 doctors who have been identified in previous surveys as "the best" in their specialties and ask them: "If you or a loved one needed a doctor in your specialty, and you could not treat them yourself, to whom would you refer them?" Even though extensive proprietary polling and balloting software is used on an exhaustive scale, the survey is designed to mimic the informal, peer-to-peer referral process that doctors themselves use to determine the appropriate specialists for individual cases.

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“Being a physician is both a responsibility and always an honor. For ones’ patients and ones’ community, one always hopes to make the best decisions and care with ones’ heart as well as ones’ skills,” Dr. Ursano said.

The most recent survey of the medical profession involved more than one million individual evaluations.

Doctor Ursano is the Director of the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress and the editor of Psychiatry, the distinguished journal of interpersonal and biological processes.

He attended the University of Notre Dame, Yale University School of Medicine and did his psychiatric training at Wilford Hall U.S. Air Force Medical Center, Lackland AFB, Texas and Yale University. Doctor Ursano graduated from the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute in 1986 and is a member of their teaching faculty. He is a Distinguished Fellow in the American Psychiatric Association, and Fellow of the American College of Psychiatrists, and the American College of Psychoanalysts. He is listed in Who’s Who in America and Who’s Who in Medicine and Health Care and is a member of the Washington D.C. Academy of Medicine.

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