

IOM Elects 65 New Members, Five Foreign Associates

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Released: 10/17/2011 [Institute of Medicine](#) [2] The IOM announced the names of 65 new members and five foreign associates on October 17, 2011 in conjunction with its 41st annual meeting. Election to the IOM is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health and medicine and recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievement and commitment to service. "It is a great pleasure to welcome these distinguished and accomplished individuals to the Institute of Medicine," said IOM President Harvey V. Fineberg. "Each of these new members stands out as a professional whose research, knowledge, and skills have significantly advanced health and medicine, and their achievements are an inspiration. The Institute of Medicine is greatly enriched by the addition of our newly elected colleagues." New members are elected by current active members through a highly selective process that recognizes individuals who have made major contributions to the advancement of the medical sciences, health care, and public health. A diversity of talent among IOM's membership is assured by the Institute's charter, which stipulates that at least one-quarter of the membership is selected from outside the health professions, for example, from such fields as the natural, social, and behavioral sciences; law; engineering; and the humanities. The newly elected members raise IOM's total active membership to 1,688 and the number of foreign associates to 102. With an additional 80 members holding emeritus status, IOM's total membership is 1,870. The Institute of Medicine is unique in its structure as both an honorific membership organization and an advisory organization. Established in 1970 as the health branch of the National Academy of Sciences, IOM has become recognized as a national resource for independent, scientifically informed analysis and recommendations on health issues. With their election, members make a commitment to

volunteer their service on IOM committees, boards, and other activities. Projects during the past year include studies on calculating people's vitamin D and calcium needs; improving the process for clearing medical devices for the market; preventing obesity among infants and toddlers; improving American's access to oral health care; preparing for the future of HIV/AIDS in Africa; ensuring the health of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people; and enhancing nurses' role in improving health care. Newly elected members of the Institute of Medicine are: Barbara Abrams, Dr.P.H., R.D., professor of epidemiology, maternal and child health, and public health nutrition, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley Margarita Alegria, Ph.D., professor, department of psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Boston; and director, Center for Multicultural Mental Health Research, Somerville, Mass. Frederick W. Alt, Ph.D., investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute; Charles A. Janeway Professor of Pediatrics and professor of genetics, Harvard Medical School; and president, Immune Disease Institute, and director, program in cellular and molecular medicine, Children's Hospital, Boston Karen H. Antman, M.D., provost, Boston University Medical Campus, and dean, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston Anthony J. Atala, M.D., professor and chair of urology and director, Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston Salem, N.C. Katherine Baicker, Ph.D., professor of health economics, department of health policy and management, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston Carolyn R. Bertozzi, Ph.D., investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute; and T.Z. and Irmgard Chu Distinguished Professor of Chemistry and professor of molecular and cellular biology, University of California, Berkeley Martin J. Blaser, M.D., Frederick H. King Professor of Internal Medicine, chair, department of medicine, and professor of microbiology, New York University School of Medicine, New York City W. Thomas Boyce, M.D., B.C. Leadership Chair in Child Development and professor, College for Interdisciplinary Studies and Human Early Learning Partnership, University of British Columbia, Vancouver Claire D. Brindis, Dr.P.H., M.P.H., professor, departments of pediatrics and obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive health sciences, and director, Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies, University of California, San Francisco Bruce Nedrow Calonge, M.D., M.P.H., president and CEO, The Colorado Trust, Denver John Chae, M.D., M.E., professor and vice chair of physical medicine and rehabilitation, and professor of biomedical engineering, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland Frank A. Chervenak, M.D., Given Foundation Professor and Chairman and gynecologist in chief, department of obstetrics and gynecology, New York-Presbyterian Hospital and Weill Cornell Medical Center, New York City Vivian G. Cheung, M.D., investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute; and professor of pediatrics and genetics, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Patricia A. Conrad, Ph.D., D.V.M., professor, department of pathology, microbiology, and immunology, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis Carlo M. Croce, M.D., John W. Wolfe Chair in Human Cancer Genetics; chair, department of molecular virology, immunology, and medical genetics; and director, Institute of Genetics, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus George Q. Daley, M.D., Ph.D., investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute; Samuel E. Lux IV Professor of Hematology, division of hematology/oncology, Children's Hospital Boston; and professor of biological chemistry, molecular pharmacology, and pediatrics, Harvard Medical School, Boston Nancy E. Davidson, M.D., director, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute; associate vice chancellor for cancer research; and professor of medicine, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Mark E. Davis, Ph.D., Warren and Katharine Schlinger Professor of Chemical Engineering, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena Joel A. DeLisa, M.D., M.S., professor and chair, department of physical medicine and rehabilitation, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark David L. Eaton, Ph.D., associate vice provost for research and professor of

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