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Moderated each year by a high-profile journalist, Research!America’s NATIONAL FORUM IS THE ONLY EVENT OF ITS KIND that convenes the directors of all the top federal health research agencies and other research leaders in a setting where a distinguished audience may hear from, ask questions of and interact with those who are guiding our nation’s research institutions and shaping relevant policies. The 2010 National Forum will be our seventh annual discussion among nationally recognized leaders in health and medical research—a “who’s who” of government, academia, industry, media and patient advocacy.

THE 2010 NATIONAL FORUM will consist of two back-to-back panel discussions, each followed by an interactive question-and-answer session. The discussions will focus on the fundamental role of research in the U.S. economy and the American way of life. This topic will be timely as the country continues to emerge from the economic recession and our leaders prioritize limited resources:

- Robust medical and health research institutions are among the lynchpins of our future economic success—at any time but particularly in our nation’s present economic situation.
- The Obama Administration is providing renewed support for science after a period of limited growth, including enhanced but time-restricted Recovery Act funding for medical and health research. Our National Forum panelists will address efforts to perpetuate and expand this effort.
- Every effort must be made to ensure America’s continued leadership in science and scientific training, to offer career paths in science for current and future generations.

Tuesday, March 16, 2010
12 p.m. Lunch served
12:30 – 3 p.m. Panel discussions, audience Q&A
The National Press Club Ballroom
529 14th Street NW, 13th Floor
Washington, DC

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INVITED PANELISTS will include the directors of the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and the Food and Drug Administration. These HIGH-LEVEL SPEAKERS will follow in the tradition of prior years, which have included William D. Novelli (formerly of AARP), Garry Neil, MD (Johnson & Johnson), and Joel Kupersmith, MD (Dept. of Veterans Affairs), as well as current Research!America board members Elias A. Zerhouni, MD (immediate past director, NIH), Chris Viehbacher (sanofi-aventis) and Mark McClellan, MD, PhD (Brookings Institution; former FDA commissioner and CMS administrator). Moderators have included former White House adviser David Gergen of CNN and U.S. News & World Report, Clive Crook of The Atlantic and National Journal, and Susan Dentzer of Health Affairs and PBS’ “The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer.”

THE AUDIENCE OF MORE THAN 200 each year includes top leadership and senior staff in the areas of research, policy, government affairs and communications at academic medical centers, research institutions, government agencies, congressional offices, voluntary/patient advocacy groups, associations and think tanks—including many of Research!America’s distinguished board of directors.

C-SPAN has broadcast the Forum live on two occasions and offered repeat airings of those broadcasts. Media who have attended the Forum have included Nature, Science, Modern Healthcare, The Hill, CQ, The Pink Sheet, The Scientist and Bureau of National Affairs.

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