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### **Lucian L. Leape, MD, Selected as ACHE's Honorary Fellow**



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**CHICAGO, January 12, 2007**—Lucian L. Leape, MD, adjunct professor of Health Policy, Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, has been selected as an Honorary Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Honorary Fellowship is a special category of ACHE membership. It recognizes individuals who have rendered distinguished service in the healthcare field or in related areas and who would not normally be ACHE members. Leape will receive his Honorary Fellowship on Sunday, March 18, 2007, at the Convocation Ceremony during ACHE's 50th Congress on Healthcare Leadership in New Orleans.

Leape joined the faculty at Harvard in 1998. Prior to that, he was professor of Surgery and chief of Pediatric Surgery at Tufts University School of Medicine and the New England Medical Center. Known as the "father of patient safety," he has been an outspoken advocate of the nonpunitive systems approach to the prevention of medical errors. He has written widely about the need to make patient safety a national priority; testified many times before Congress; and was a founder of the National Patient Safety Foundation, the Massachusetts Coalition for the Prevention of Medical Error and the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Session on Medical Error. Leape also was a member of the Institute of Medicine's Quality of Care in America Committee, which published *To Err Is Human* in 1999 and *Crossing the Quality Chasm* in 2001.

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Leape began his career as a pediatric surgeon in the 1960s, at a time when that specialty was in its early stages. He also was active in professional societies, including helping to establish the American Pediatric Surgical Association. In his 20 years of practice, Leape saw the pediatric surgery field experience a dramatic improvement in infant mortality rates.

Leape has received numerous awards for his exceptional service to the healthcare field. He received the John Eisenberg Patient Safety Award in 2004, the Alfred I. duPont Award for Excellence in Children's Health Care in 2003, honorary fellowship in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada in 2001, the Donabedian Award from the American Public Health Association in 1999, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Investigator's Award in Health Policy Research in 1998 and the Distinguished Service Award of the American Pediatric Surgical Association in 1997. Leape also has been honored with leadership awards from the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the American Pharmaceutical Association and the Institute for Safe Medication Practices.

Leape earned his medical degree, graduating cum laude, from Harvard Medical School in 1959 and his bachelor's degree from Cornell University in 1952.

### **American College of Healthcare Executives**

The American College of Healthcare Executives is an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives who lead hospitals, healthcare systems and other healthcare organizations. ACHE is known for its prestigious credentialing and educational programs and its annual Congress on Healthcare Leadership, which draws more than 4,000 participants each year. ACHE also is known for its journals, the *Journal of Healthcare Management* and *Frontiers of Health Services Management*, and its magazine, *Healthcare Executive*, as well as ground-breaking research and career development and public policy programs. ACHE's publishing division, Health Administration Press, is one of the largest publishers of books and journals on all aspects of health services management in addition to textbooks for use in college and university courses. Through such efforts, ACHE works toward its goal of being the premier professional society for healthcare leaders by providing exceptional value to its members.

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