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**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program[®] Names
Dr. Richard Krugman New National Advisory Committee Chair and
Names Five New Committee Members**

Applications Accepted for Clinical Scholars Mid-December 2008 to February 27, 2009

Washington, D.C. – The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Clinical Scholars Program named pediatrician Richard Krugman, M.D., Chair of the National Advisory Committee. As chair, Dr. Krugman will provide program oversight, scholar selection and mentorship activities for a program that is over three decades old. The Clinical Scholars Program empowers physicians to promote health care reform through research and policy change. Future Clinical Scholar leaders learn to conduct innovative research and work with communities, organizations, practitioners and policy makers on issues important to the health and well-being of all Americans.

Dr. Krugman will officially take over on January 1, 2009 from David P. Stevens, M.D., who has served as National Advisory Committee Chair since 2004. Dr. Krugman will continue to serve as Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, Dean and Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, where he has taught pediatric medicine since 1985.

A leader in health care and one of the nation's foremost experts on child abuse and neglect, Dr. Krugman's connection to the Foundation began in 1980, when he was an RWJF Health Policy Fellow at the Institute of Medicine in Washington D.C.

“We are thrilled that Dr. Krugman will lead the Clinical Scholars Program's National Advisory Committee,” said Pamela Dickson, M.B.A., deputy director for the Health Care Group at RWJF. “His professional reputation and long-standing commitment to improving health care practice will be an immeasurable asset to the committee, our Clinical Scholars and our country's health care system.”

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The Clinical Scholars Program has also appointed five new members to the National Advisory Committee:

- **Joann Elmore, M.D., M.P.H.**, Professor of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine and Adjunct Professor at the Department of Epidemiology, University of Washington
- **Karen Hein, M.D.**, former President of the William T. Grant Foundation and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, Epidemiology and Population Health at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York
- **Arthur Kellermann, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.E.P.**, Associate Dean for Health Policy at Emory University School of Medicine and Professor at the Department of Emergency Medicine and Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University
- **Herminia Palacio, M.D.**, Director of Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services, Houston, Texas
- **Carlos Pellegrini, M.D.**, Professor and Chair of Surgery, University of Washington

Along with Dr. Krugman, the NAC members oversee the program and provide individual mentorship to program scholars.

“The National Advisory Committee is the lifeblood of the Clinical Scholars Program and we are eager to introduce our scholars to the new members,” said Desmond K. Runyan, M.D., Dr.P.H., program director for the Clinical Scholars Program. “Together, they will continue to be a powerful force for meaningful change in how Americans receive health care for decades to come.”

The program offers a master’s degree graduate-level study and research in a university-based, post residency training program. The program generally involves two years of study with generous protected time for research. In some cases, the project can be extended for a third year. Applications for Clinical Scholars will be accepted from mid-December 2008 to February 27, 2009. More information about the application and the program can be found at www.rwjfsp.unc.edu.

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