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LASKER FOUNDATION WELCOMES BETSY NABEL TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(New York, June 23) The Lasker Foundation today announced the addition of Betsy Nabel, M.D. to the Lasker Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Nabel, President of Brigham Health and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, brings a unique perspective to health care based on her experience as a physician, research scientist and academic health leader.

“We are pleased to welcome Betsy Nabel to the Lasker Foundation Board,” said Lasker Board Chair Anthony Evnin, PhD. “Her outstanding achievements as a distinguished biomedical researcher and academic health center leader position Dr. Nabel to make significant contributions to the Lasker organization.”

“Dr. Nabel’s work at Brigham Health to improve health through cutting-edge research, especially the molecular genetics of cardiovascular diseases, and her state-of-the-art leadership of a renowned academic health center are inspiring and we look forward to benefiting from her guidance,” said Claire Pomeroy, President of the Lasker Foundation.

Dr. Nabel was named president of Brigham Health in 2010. Under her leadership, Brigham Health is developing a new model of academic medicine devoted to maintaining and restoring health through leadership in scientific discovery, education and compassionate care.

An accomplished physician-scientist, Dr. Nabel has been named one of the nation’s top leaders in medicine. Prior to joining Brigham Health, she was director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute from 2005-2009. She has been honored with numerous awards including the Distinguished Bostonian Award and the Kober Medal. Dr. Nabel attended Weill Cornell Medical College and completed her internal medicine and cardiology training at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

About the Lasker Foundation: The Lasker Foundation seeks to increase support for biomedical research by celebrating the power of biomedical science to save and improve human lives. Through its internationally renowned Lasker Awards, educational initiatives, and public advocacy, the Foundation recognizes the most important achievements in science and public service, supports and encourages the scientific leaders of tomorrow, and raises awareness of the ever-present need for research funding. Established in 1942 by Albert and Mary Lasker, the Foundation is committed to inspiring robust and sustained support for biomedical research, fueled by Mary Lasker’s call to action: “If you think research is expensive, try disease!”

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