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Claude Lenfant, Former Director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, to speak at the 2007 Copland Lecture

VANCOUVER, FEBRUARY 5, 2007 – Dr. Claude Lenfant, former Director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will deliver the 2006 Copland Lectureship at St. Paul's Hospital, on Friday, February 9, 2007 from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm in the New Lecture Theatre at Providence Health Care's St. Paul's Hospital.

His presentation, entitled *From Clinical Research to Clinical Practice: How Well? How Fast?* relates to a global perspective concerning current public health issues surrounding management of hypertension and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).

Dr. Claude Lenfant has dedicated the latter part of his career to improve public health through research on sleep disorders, transfusion medicine, and cardiovascular, lung, and blood diseases and is the immediate Past President of the World Hypertension League but continues to work on issues of chronic disease control in developing countries. He also serves as chair of the Awareness/Dissemination Working Group of the Global Alliance for Chronic Respiratory Diseases of the World Health Organization. He is the Executive Director of the Global Initiative on Chronic Lung Disease (GOLD), the Global Initiative on Asthma (GINA) and the International Coalition for COPD (ICC).

The Lectureship, which is sponsored by the iCAPTURE Centre, GSK and Merck, is held in honor of Dr. Graham Copland who was a very distinguished physician at St. Paul's for many years.

Note: Media wishing to interview Dr. Lenfant please contact Gavin Wilson (contact information below)

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