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“The True Threat of Bioterrorism ”

Robert W. Haley, M.D., is Professor of Internal Medicine and Director of the Division of Epidemiology in the Internal Medicine Department at the University of Texas (UT) Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and holder of the U.S. Armed Forces Veterans Distinguished Chair for Medical Research Honoring America’s Gulf War Veterans. He received his B.A. degree in Philosophy and Social Sciences from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, where he served as instructor in Philosophy for a year. He received his M.D. degree from UT Southwestern Medical School at Dallas as a member of Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society and served an internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. He spent 10 years (1973-1983) at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), serving as a commissioned officer in the U. S. Public Health Service. At CDC he served as an epidemic investigator in the Epidemic Intelligence Service, a resident in Preventive Medicine, Director of the Hospital Infections Program, and Director of the nationwide Study on the Efficacy of Nosocomial Infection Control (SENIC Project). He achieved the rank of O-6 and received the U. S. Public Health Service Commendation Medal for his research contributions while at the CDC. In 1998 the Hospital Infections Program was recognized by CDC as one of the four most important accomplishments in its 50-year history.

Dr. Haley has conducted extensive research on the epidemiology and prevention of hospital-acquired (nosocomial) infections to improve the quality of hospital care and, more

recently, the Gulf War syndrome. Topics of particular interest have been nationwide surveys and research studies on the efficacy of hospital infection control programs, multivariate intrinsic risk indexes for use in comparing hospitals' infection rates, the costs of nosocomial infections and cost-benefit analysis, descriptive epidemiology of nosocomial infections and infection control programs, and systems for reducing infection risks.

His most recent research, beginning in 1994 and funded initially by the Perot Foundation,

- **What is the true threat of Bioterrorism?**
- **What is Dallas County’s level of preparedness?**

has been to understand the nature and causes of the Gulf War syndrome in veterans of the Persian Gulf War. Following three publications of initial findings in the January, 1997, issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, he is currently completing a new research program, funded by the Department of Defense and the Perot Foundation, to work out the mechanisms of brain injury in the veterans and identify tests and treatments for the Gulf War illness. His newest publications have reported a genetic predisposition to Gulf War syndrome that appears to link the illness to nerve gas exposure and brain cell injury in deep brain structures identified by magnetic resonance spectroscopy. Dr. Haley and his research group have published over 120 research papers, review articles and letters in peer-reviewed scientific journals, including 16 primary research papers, 4 reviews and 9 research letters on Gulf War illness. Dr. Haley is cur-

rently the coordinator for basic research related to bioterrorism defense on the UT Southwestern Medical Center campus.

Dr. Haley is president of the Dallas County Medical Society and a member of the Society’s Board of Health that coordinates planning and communication on biological and chemical terrorism for the Dallas medical community. Dr. Haley has lectured extensively throughout the U.S. and in many foreign countries including European countries, Mexico, Argentina, China and Korea.

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 A Study of the Family Owned Business
 James Olin Hutcheson