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University of California-Irvine Chancellor Elected to California Healthcare Institute Board

(LA JOLLA, CALIF., November 15, 2006) – Michael V. Drake, M.D., chancellor, University of California-Irvine (UCI), was elected to the board of directors of California Healthcare Institute (CHI). CHI is a non-profit public policy research organization, representing leading California academic institutions, biotechnology, medical device, and pharmaceutical firms.

Drake became the fifth chancellor of UCI on July 1, 2005. Previously, he served as University of California vice president for health affairs, overseeing education and research activities at UC's 15 health sciences schools. Prior to his appointment in the Office of Health Affairs, Drake was Steven P. Shearing Professor of Ophthalmology and the senior associate dean for admissions and extramural academic programs at the UC San Francisco School of Medicine. He has received a number of awards for teaching, public service, mentoring and research, including the UCSF School of Medicine's Clinical Teaching Award, and he has written dozens of scholarly articles and chapters, and has co-authored four books. In 1998, Drake was elected to the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine. He is the immediate past national president of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, and chair of the board of directors of the Association of Academic Health Centers. In 2004, he became the fifth recipient of the Herbert W. Nickens Award from the American Association of Medical Colleges, in recognition of his career-long efforts to promote social justice through medical education. Drake holds two undergraduate degrees: an A.B. in African and African American studies from Stanford University, and a B.S. in medical sciences from UC San Francisco. He received his medical degree at UC San Francisco, and completed his residency and fellowship in ophthalmology at UCSF Medical Center.

“Chancellor Drake is a distinguished academic leader, skillful and energetic, who is a compelling force for educational and economic growth in California’s healthcare and life sciences community,” said David L. Gollaher, Ph.D., CHI president and chief executive officer. “His involvement on CHI’s board strengthens the connection between the University of California and our state’s commercial life sciences sector as we strive to improve the environment for biomedical research and development.”

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UCI is a top-ranked university dedicated to research, scholarship and community service. Founded in 1965, UCI is among the fastest-growing University of California campuses, with more than 25,000 undergraduate and graduate students and about 1,400 faculty members. The second-largest employer in dynamic Orange County, UCI contributes an annual economic impact of \$3.7 billion.

CHI represents more than 250 leading biotechnology, medical device, diagnostics, and pharmaceutical companies, and public and private academic biomedical research organizations. CHI's mission is to advance responsible public policies that foster medical innovation and promote scientific discovery. CHI's web site is www.chi.org.

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