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"Medical Ethics and the Holocaust" now available via the World Wide Web

HOUSTON (October 11, 2007) -- Doctors, ethicists, experts and policy influencers from the compelling Dr. Michael E. DeBaKey lecture series, "Medical Ethics and the Holocaust," are now offering their insights and opinions to the public, particularly medical students, through live webcasts courtesy of The University of Texas.

The lectures, which run through January 17, examine how ethical practices of the Holocaust have shaped modern-day medical ethics. Some of the world's most influential scientists, academia, ethicists and historians will discuss provocative topics such as physician-assisted suicide, eugenics and genetics and the importance of the doctor/patient relationship.

Those interested in participating in the live webcasts should go to www.hmh.org/medethics where Real Player software can be downloaded for free. All webcasts begin promptly at 6 p.m.

The lectures also will be available to the public via telecast at the following locations:

UTMB School of Nursing/Allied Health Building, Galveston

Room 1.102
1100 Mechanic Street

The University of Texas Health Sciences Center, San Antonio

Room 3.104
7703 Floyd Curl Drive

The University of Texas, Austin

Sessions are being held in two rotating locations:

The University of Texas School of Nursing Building
1700 Red River *and*

The University of Texas Academic Education Center (ACES)

Texas A&M University, Galveston

200 Seawolf Parkway
Building 3007, Room 112

Telecasts also are available at The University of Texas at Harlingen. Please check with the campus for specific details.

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Upcoming lecturers include **Mark Adickes, M.D.**, orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine at the Roger Clemens Institute for Sports Medicine & Human Performance at Memorial Hermann; **Lex Frieden**, senior vice president of Memorial-Hermann-TIRR (The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research) and former chairman of the National Council on Disability; **Kathryn L. Tucker**, J.D., the director of legal affairs for Compassion & Choices; **Henry T. Greely**, J.D., director of the Center for Law and the Biosciences and the Program on Stem Cells in Society at Stanford University; as well as other national and international authorities on bioethics, law, religion and medicine.

The lecture series is accompanied by an exhibit, "How Healing Becomes Killing: Eugenics, Euthanasia and Extermination," which provides thought provoking historical documentation of the role played by scientists, physicians, and government officials and will describe activities at the six "euthanasia" centers where German and Austrian medical institutions murdered many of Germany's most vulnerable citizens. There is no admission charge to view the exhibit on view in the Mincberg Gallery at the Museum's Morgan Family Center, 5401 Caroline St., in Houston's Museum District. The exhibit runs through Feb. 3, 2008. Viewing hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

For information on CME and CNE credits for medical professionals logging onto to the live webcasts, visit www.utcme.net. For a complete listing of lecture series speakers, venues and times; other related special events; or to register to attend any event, visit www.hmh.org/medethics. All lectures are free to attend, but registration is required.

About Holocaust Museum Houston

Holocaust Museum Houston is dedicated to educating people about the Holocaust, remembering the 6 million Jews and other innocent victims and honoring the survivors' legacy. Using the lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides, the Museum teaches the dangers of hatred, prejudice and apathy. For more information, visit www.hmh.org.

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