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**DR. BARBARA STARFIELD SELECTED FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS
BAXTER INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH PRIZE**

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 4, 2004— In recognition of her noteworthy contributions to the healthcare improvement of the public through original health services research, Barbara Starfield, MD, MPH, has been selected as the 2004 recipient of the Baxter International Foundation Health Services Research Prize. The annual prize, sponsored by The Baxter International Foundation and administered by The Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA), is recognized internationally as one of the highest distinctions in health-services research. Starfield was selected as this year's recipient because of her significant contributions to research in the areas of primary care, equity in health, quality of care, health status measurement in childhood, and co-morbidity and case-mix adjustment. She is also recognized for her extensive efforts to improve the translation of new knowledge about the organization and delivery of health services into health policy. Starfield was selected by a committee of renowned health services academicians and clinicians from around the world. The prize will be awarded at the AUPHA Annual Meeting on June 5, 2004, at the Loews Coronado Bay Resort in San Diego, California.

“Dr. Starfield has made seminal contributions to health services research and has changed the way we think about primary care in the United States and internationally,” said Committee Chair, Douglas Conrad, PhD, Professor and Director at the University of Washington. “By bridging the domains of clinical and health services research, she has stimulated a generation of researchers and policy makers to improve the health of the people.”

Dr. Starfield is University Distinguished Professor with joint appointments in the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health's Department of Health Policy and Management and the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. She is also the director of the JHU Primary Care Center. Dr. Starfield's stature in the health services research field is reflected in her various appointments,

including to the Department of Health and Human Services' National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics and the National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation, as well as her 1977 election to the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine. She was the developer and first president of the International Society for Equity in Health, a scientific society to improve and expand knowledge that can be applied to policy for reducing inequities in health across and within populations. She is widely sought after as an international consultant in issues concerning primary care and its relationship to specialty care, and with regard to various aspects of child health and the impact of health services on it.

Since 1986, The Baxter International Foundation has funded the Health Services Research Prize in recognition of researchers who have made major contributions to the health of the public through innovative research in health services. The Prize is administered by The Association of University Programs in Health Administration and is accompanied by a \$25,000 contribution--\$10,000 is awarded to the individual with the remaining \$15,000 going to a not-for-profit institution that supports the prizewinner's work.

The Association of University Programs in Health Administration is a unique consortium, of the world's primary health services management education and research development resources. The consortium's membership includes universities, training centers, national institutes, faculty and individual members in all over the world. Hundreds of healthcare institutions, hospitals and other health services delivery organizations and associations participate in the Association, which has a worldwide reputation for expertise in health services management, education and research.

As the philanthropic arm of Baxter International Inc., The Baxter International Foundation helps to increase access to health care in the United States and other countries. In 2003, foundation grants totaling \$3.65 million improved access to care for children, the uninsured and the elderly in 22 states, Puerto Rico and 25 countries worldwide.

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