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UCSF honors William J. Rutter via symposium on medicine and high tech



WHAT:

UCSF will host a symposium tomorrow (Thursday, November 29) on the intersection of medical science and information technology. Titled, "Hippocrates Meets Silicon Valley," the symposium will include panelists from the cutting edge of biotechnology, research and information technology.

The event is in recognition of the visionary thinking of William J. Rutter, PhD, and will coincide with formal renaming of the Community Center at UCSF Mission Bay to the William J. Rutter Center. Media are invited to attend.

WHO:

Moira Gunn, PhD, host of NPR's "Tech Nation" and "Biotech Nation," will moderate the program. Topics and speakers are:

Drugs, Bugs and Microarrays -- Joseph DeRisi, PhD, UCSF Professor of Biochemistry & Biophysics

Minding Behaviors: New Approaches to Intervention and Care -- Eric Dishman, PhD, Global Director of Health Research & Innovation, Intel Corp. Transforming Breast Cancer Care in Real Time with Information

Technology -- Laura Esserman, MD, MBA, UCSF Professor of Surgery & Radiology

Bytes, Genes and People -- Darren Platt, PhD, Senior Director of Research, 23andMe

The Power of Metrics: Personal Health Management -- Matt Sanders, MS, Chief Executive Officer, iMetrikus

WHEN:

Thursday, November 29

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

WHERE:

The William J. Rutter Center, UCSF Mission Bay

1675 Owens St., San Francisco

INTERVIEW AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES:

Speakers will be available for interviews.

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BACKGROUND:

William Rutter is a distinguished scientist, faculty leader and biotech pioneer. Widely recognized for his pivotal role in turning UCSF into a power house for basic science, Rutter chaired the UCSF Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics and led its application of recombinant DNA technology and genetic engineering.

One of the founders of Chiron Corp., Rutter applied those tools to develop diagnostic tests for HIV and hepatitis C, as well as for vaccines and therapies used throughout the world. As chairman of the Bay Area Life Sciences Alliance, Rutter helped shape UCSF Mission Bay and the wider biotechnology community.

Now, through the naming of the William J. Rutter Center, he will be indelibly linked with one of his grandest visions: UCSF Mission Bay.

ABOUT UCSF:

UCSF is a leading university dedicated to defining health worldwide through advanced biomedical research, graduate level education in the life sciences and health professions, and excellence in patient care.

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