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ALBERT AND MARY LASKER FOUNDATION ELECTS BIOMEDICAL INDUSTRY VETERAN BETSY NABEL, M.D., TO CHAIR ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Nabel, Boston-based ModeX Therapeutics leader, succeeds Dr. Anthony Evin as Board Chair

(New York, May 29, 2024)— The Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation today announced the appointment of Betsy Nabel, M.D., as Chair of its Board of Directors. Dr. Nabel – a cardiologist, biomedical industry veteran, and dedicated research advocate – has served on the Lasker Board since 2020.

“I am truly honored to be elected Board Chair of this distinguished foundation and to further the Foundation’s commitment to increasing support for biomedical research with the goal of improving human health,” said Dr. Nabel. “Research is vital to the future of medicine, and I look forward to working with the Lasker Board and staff to support and promote the Lasker vision of a healthier world.”

Dr. Nabel currently serves as Advisory Board Chair at OPKO HEALTH, and was the former Executive Vice President for Strategy at ModeX Therapeutics (now an OPKO HEALTH company), a leading developer of multispecific antibodies and vaccines to fight complex diseases.

Prior to ModeX, Nabel served as President of Brigham Health and its Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School from 2010 to 2021. From 2005 to 2009, she directed the National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, where one of her signature advocacy efforts was the Red Dress Heart Truth campaign, which aims to raise awareness in women through unprecedented industry partnerships.

An accomplished physician-scientist, Dr. Nabel’s work on the molecular genetics of cardiovascular diseases produced 17 patents, over 250 scientific publications and two start-up companies. Her honors include the Distinguished Bostonian Award, the Kober Medal from the Association of American Physicians, two Distinguished Achievement Awards from the American Heart Association, and eleven honorary doctorates, among others. She is a member of the American Academy of the Arts & Sciences and the National Academy of Medicine. Nabel serves on the boards of Medtronic, Moderna, Lyell Immunopharma, Accolade, and South Florida PBS.

Dr. Nabel succeeds Dr. Anthony Evin, who first joined the Lasker Foundation Board of Directors in 2013 and has served as Board Chair since 2018. During that time, he led an expansion of the organization’s activities, supported new education and advocacy initiatives, and led increased philanthropic support to the Foundation.

About the Lasker Foundation: Established in 1942 by Albert and Mary Lasker, The Lasker Foundation seeks to increase support for biomedical research by celebrating the power of biomedical science to save and improve human lives. Through its internationally renowned Lasker Awards, educational initiatives, and public advocacy, the Foundation recognizes the most important achievements in science and public service, supports and encourages the scientific leaders of tomorrow, and raises awareness of the ever-present need for research funding. The Foundation is committed to inspiring robust and sustained support for biomedical research, fueled by Mary Lasker’s call to action: “If you think research is expensive, try disease!” More information at laskerfoundation.org.

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