World-Class Experts in Opioid Pain Management Join ACSH’s Board of Scientific Advisors

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NEW YORK, N.Y. – Responding to the urgent, ongoing need for essential and accurate information to counter the harm caused by years of medically and scientifically flawed opioid policies, the American Council on Science and Health is adding two world-class experts in this field – Jeffrey A. Singer, MD, and Danial Laird, MD, JD – to its Board of Scientific Advisors.

Dr. Singer and Dr. Laird are nationally recognized experts in pain management as well as leaders in the growing movement to restore the rights of pain patients who have become victims of failed opioid policies.

In addition, ACSH is pleased to announce the appointment of Henry I. Miller, MS, MD, a staunch and influential supporter of patient rights and long-time veteran of the Food and Drug Administration and Hoover Institution, who is returning to the Council’s advisory board.

These three accomplished doctors will join ACSH’s Board, a multidisciplinary group of experts in medicine, science and public health that has served as an essential resource to the Council since 1978.

“We are grateful to be able to add three such illustrious scientists and medical professionals to ACSH’s distinguished board,” said President Thom Golab. “The Board not only provides invaluable material for the organization’s publications and website, but its members also testify before policymakers while helping to educate journalists and consumers alike.”

With these appointments, ACSH’s presence in the national debate over opioid policy – already
significant – will grow stronger still.

- **MORE ABOUT Jeffrey Singer, MD**

Dr. Singer, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, has been practicing for more than 30 years. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Cato Institute in Washington, DC, and a Visiting Fellow at the Goldwater Institute in Phoenix, AZ. His principal areas of scholarship are health care policy, drug policy, drug prohibition, and harm reduction.

"Science is about finding out the truth – even if the truth doesn't comport with our biases or suit our agenda," said Dr. Singer. "I am delighted I can serve on the Advisory Board of The American Council on Science and Health, an organization that understands the meaning of science."

- **MORE ABOUT Danial Laird, MD, JD**

Dr. Laird is a pain management specialist with 20 years of experience in primary care and anesthesiology. He is an outspoken advocate of pain patient rights and also an attorney who has been practicing law since 2012. Last year, Dr. Laird founded Laird Law PLLC.

"Ethical scientific research, free of contamination by corporate influence, should be the cornerstone of modern medical practice," Dr. Laird said. "The American Council on Science and Health promotes honest medical research and is a premier patient advocacy group; I'm excited to serve on its Advisory Board."

- **MORE ABOUT Henry Miller, MS, MD**

Dr. Miller, currently a Senior Fellow at the Pacific Research Institute, focuses on public policy toward science, technology and medicine. Dr. Miller has written numerous opinion pieces for national newspapers opposing current healthcare and drug policies, and has long been active in debunking scientific and medical myths as applied to public health.

“I go back decades with ACSH and like and admire its staff,” Dr. Miller said. “It is an honor and pleasure to return to its Advisory Board.”

The American Council on Science and Health, founded by scientists, began with a singular focus: to publicly support evidence-based science and medicine, while helping consumers, journalists, and policymakers see past scaremongering and activist groups attempting to discredit GMOs, vaccines, conventional agriculture, nuclear power, natural gas, and chemicals proven to be safe and effective.

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