

## **Kenneth W. Bernard**

In February 2005, Dr. Kenneth Bernard became Senior Adviser to the Director-General, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland. Prior to taking this position, he served in a series of senior policy positions in the United States Government, including: Special Assistant to the President for Biodefense, Homeland Security Council, White House; Special Adviser for National Security, Intelligence and Defense for the Department of Health and Human Services; Senior Adviser to Senator Bill Frist; and Special Adviser for Health and Security on the National Security Council (NSC) Staff at the White House. In these positions he dealt primarily with global health issues as they relate to foreign affairs and national security policy.

Prior to joining the NSC, Dr. Bernard served as the International Health Attaché at the U.S. Mission to the UN in Geneva, Switzerland. In this position, he acted as the senior health policy adviser to the Ambassador in discussions with the World Health Organization and other UN organizations in Geneva.

Dr. Bernard retired from the U.S. Public Health Service in January 2005 with the rank of Rear Admiral and Assistant Surgeon General. He has received the USPHS Distinguished Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal, the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service, and the USPHS Outstanding Service and Commendation Medals.

Dr. Bernard received his AB degree from the University of California, Berkeley, an M.D. from the University of California, Davis and the DTM&H degree from the University of London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine.