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HHS Secretary Margaret M. Heckler today announced the appointment of Dr. Anthony S. Fauci as director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, effective Nov. 2.

The NIAID conducts and supports research to better understand the causes of allergic, immunologic and infectious diseases, and to develop better means of preventing, diagnosing and treating such illnesses.

Dr. Fauci, 43, an internationally renowned expert on the immune system, has been chief of NIAID's Laboratory of Immunoregulation since 1980 and deputy clinical director of the institute since 1977.

"I am extremely pleased that Dr. Fauci will take over the leadership of this important institute," Secretary Heckler said in announcing the appointment. "His unique background, particularly in the fields of immunology and infectious diseases, will be of key importance in maintaining and accelerating our momentum in these crucial areas of research."

Dr. Fauci has developed effective treatments for several formerly fatal inflammatory disorders of blood vessels, such as Wegener's granulomatosis, polyarteritis nodosa and lymphomatoid granulomatosis. In addition, he has clarified how immunosuppressive agents affect the human immune response.

In the past several years, Dr. Fauci has been active in research on the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), including basic studies aimed at describing the immunologic dysfunction underlying the disease, and clinical studies to improve the care of patients and to correct their immunologic defect.

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Dr. Fauci is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y. He received his M.D. degree from Cornell University Medical College in 1966 and served his internship and residency at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

He came to the NIAID in 1968 as a clinical associate and served until 1971. After a year as chief medical resident at Cornell Medical Center, he returned to NIAID as a senior investigator in the laboratory of clinical investigation in 1972, and later was section head in the laboratory.

Dr. Fauci's research background is in infectious diseases and immunology, and he is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine, the American Board of Allergy and Immunology, and the American Board of Infectious Diseases. He is a member of numerous professional societies, and was president of the American Federation for Clinical Research, 1980-1981. He is author of more than 440 scientific papers covering clinical and basic aspects of immunology and of inflammatory and infectious diseases. A widely sought lecturer in his scientific specialties, Dr. Fauci is also on the editorial boards of a number of national and international medical journals.

A member of the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, Dr. Fauci has received the Public Health Service Meritorious Service Award and Distinguished Service Medal, the Squibb Award of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and the Arthur S. Flemming Award for outstanding young people in government service.

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