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Arnold P. Gold, M.D., Wins Award for Excellence in the Advancement of Patient-Centered Care from Picker Institute

ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS, NJ, Dec. 13, 2010 – Dr. Arnold P. Gold, founder of The Arnold P. Gold Foundation, received Picker Institute’s Annual Picker Award for Excellence in the Advancement of Patient-Centered Care. The award, which includes a cash prize of $10,000, was presented at the 22nd annual National Forum on Quality Improvement in Health Care in Orlando, Florida. Picker Institute is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of the principles of patient-centered care and the global patient-centered care movement.

Upon hearing of his selection for this prestigious award, Dr. Gold had this to say, “I am deeply humbled by the wonderful honor of receiving the Picker Award for Excellence. It is particularly rewarding to know that this award is meant to highlight role models.” When asked about the foundation he created, Dr. Gold said, “It was for my patients and their families that I started the Gold Foundation, whose work for more than two decades has been to humanize medical practice to improve the quality of patient care.”

Receiving Picker Awards along with Dr. Gold were Paul D. Cleary, Ph.D., and Atul Gawande, M.D., M.P.H. Dr. Cleary is dean of the Yale University School of Public Health and chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health. Dr. Gawande is a Boston-based general surgeon, staff writer at The New Yorker magazine, and best-selling author of several books including his most recent, The Checklist Manifesto: How to Get Things Right.

The Picker Awards were established in 2003 as an educational component of improving patient-centered care. “Our mission is to make the patient’s experience, whether in a hospital or a doctor’s office, a better one,” said Lucile O. Hanscom, the executive director of Picker Institute. “The Picker Awards are intended to honor people and organizations who have made significant contributions to achieving this goal, and to highlight them as role models for others in the healthcare field.”

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation is a public, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of healthcare and healthcare outcomes by enhancing the doctor-patient relationship. In a world where the practice of medicine has become less personal and more technology driven, the Gold Foundation strives to keep the “care” in healthcare by helping to shape doctors who combine the high tech skills of cutting-edge medicine with the high touch skills of communication, compassion and empathy. Through a wide range of innovative programs and awards, The Gold Foundation works with medical schools, teaching hospitals, and physicians across the United States and abroad. More than 94 percent of U.S. schools of medicine and osteopathy participate in at least one of the Foundations many programs. Please visit our website for more information: The Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

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