

## **Boris D. Lushniak, MD, MPH**

Rear Admiral retired (RADM Ret) Boris D. Lushniak, MD, MPH, is currently Professor and Chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Biostatistics and Professor of Dermatology, F. Edward Hébert School of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, Maryland. The mission of “America’s Medical School” is to educate, train and prepare uniformed services health professionals to support the Military Health System, the National Security and National Defense Strategies of the United States and the readiness of our Armed Forces. He assumed this position in November 2015 and leads a faculty team that is responsible for medical student education, graduate programs from Masters to Doctorate level, two medical residency programs (Preventive and Occupational Medicine), and the Divisions of Global Health, Occupational and Environmental Health Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Health Services Administration, Tropical Public Health, and the Infectious Disease Clinical Research Program.

Dr. Lushniak was the US Deputy Surgeon General from November 2010 to September 2015, assisting the Surgeon General to articulate the best available scientific information to the public to improve personal health and the health of the Nation. He also oversaw the operations of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps, comprised of approximately 6,700 uniformed health officers who serve in locations around the world to promote, protect, and advance the health and safety of our Nation.

Dr. Lushniak served as Acting Surgeon General from July 2013 to December 2014 and was responsible for the release of the 50th Anniversary Surgeon General’s Report on Smoking and Health and the first ever Surgeon General’s Call to Action to Prevent Skin Cancer. From January to March 2015 he served as commander of the USPHS Monrovia Medical Unit in Liberia, the only US government hospital providing care to ebola patients.

Dr. Lushniak began his USPHS career in 1988 in the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) and initially served with the CDC’s National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in Cincinnati, Ohio where he conducted epidemiological investigations of workplace hazards. In 1993 he completed a dermatology residency at the University of Cincinnati and established an occupational skin disease program at NIOSH. He also served on assignments in Bangladesh, St. Croix, Russia, and Kosovo, was part of the CDC/NIOSH team at Ground Zero and part of the CDC anthrax team in Washington, DC. In 2004 he transitioned from CDC to the FDA in the Office of Counterterrorism and was appointed FDA Assistant Commissioner in 2005. He was deployed to Hurricane Katrina and also served as the FDA Deputy Incident Commander for the 2009 pandemic response. He was promoted to Rear Admiral, Lower Half in 2006 and attained the rank of Rear Admiral, Upper Half in 2010.

Dr. Lushniak was born in Chicago to post-World War II immigrants from Ukraine. He was admitted to the six-year Honors Program in Medical Education at Northwestern University and completed his BS degree in 1981 and MD in 1983. In 1984 he completed the MPH degree at Harvard University. He completed a residency in family medicine in 1987 at St Joseph Hospital in Chicago and maintains board certifications in dermatology and preventive medicine (occupational).

A firm believer in leadership by example, Dr. Lushniak also promotes the core messages of the National Prevention Strategy via his active lifestyle. He is an avid long-distance bicyclist, runner and hiker. In 2013, he scaled the summit of the most heavily-glaciated peak in the United States, Washington’s 14-thousand foot Mount Rainier and in 2015 bicycled across the state of Iowa. He resides in Rockville, Maryland with his wife Dr. Patricia Cusumano and two daughters Larissa and Stephanie.