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USU psychiatry professor named among DC area's Top Docs

Bethesda, MD--Stephen J. Cozza, M.D., a professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) and the associate director of the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress, USU, has been named one of the Washington, DC, area's Top Doctors, according to Washingtonian magazine's annual survey. Cozza was selected in both the adult and pediatric psychiatry categories.

The Washingtonian survey, which is based on the recommendations of "thousands of physicians from across the region," selects physicians in 39 medical specialties where patients are more likely to select their physician. More than 1,300 physicians responded when asked who they would recommend if a family member needed medical assistance.

Dr. Cozza has highlighted the impact of deployment, injury, illness and death on the children and families of military service members through his relationship with Sesame Workshop, serving as a special advisor to the Talk, Listen, Connect series of programs. He was recently presented the *Country United Visionary Award* by the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine and the Tug McGraw Foundation, in recognition of his significant work on the effects of stress on children and families of military service members. Cozza also was instrumental in organizing and executing the initial mental health response to the September 11, 2001 attack on the Pentagon.

Dr. Cozza is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He received his medical degree from the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, completing his residency in General Psychiatry and fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. Dr. Cozza is a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in the specialties of General Psychiatry and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He retired from the U.S. Army in 2006 after 25 years of military service.

Located on the grounds of Bethesda's National Naval Medical Center and across from the National Institutes of Health, USU is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. The University educates health care professionals dedicated to career service in the Department of Defense and the U.S. Public Health Service. Medical students are active-duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, natural disasters, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health emergencies. Of the University's nearly 4,400 physician alumni and more than 400 advanced practice nurses, the vast majority serve on active duty and are supporting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, offering their leadership and expertise. The University also has graduate programs open to civilian and military applicants in biomedical sciences and public health committed to excellence in the didactic and research training which have awarded more than 300 Ph.D. and 100 M.S. degrees to date.

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