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**Council for American Medical Innovation and Hoosiers Work for Health  
Host Indiana Forum on Medical Innovation**

Indianapolis, IN. (July 7, 2009) – The Council for American Medical Innovation headlined a forum on medical innovation today in Indianapolis hosted by Hoosiers Work for Health. Former Democratic Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, president of the Council for American Medical Innovation, joined leaders in Indiana government, academia and business for a panel discussion on medical innovation’s role in the Indiana economy, and what is needed to maintain a robust environment for medical innovation as federal policy is being developed in Congress.

“Medical innovation in Indiana is creating jobs and strengthening the economy,” said Gephardt. “We must do what is necessary to preserve an environment here, and around the country, where science and discovery can thrive. That means implementing policies at the national level that increase incentives for investment in research, development and its application, and increasing budgets for quality education.”

The discussion took place at the Indiana University Emerging Technologies Center, and panelists included:

- Kathy Davis, Former Lieutenant Governor, State of Indiana
- Richard Gephardt, President of the Council for American Medical Innovation
- Dr. Richard Mohs, Lead Alzheimer’s Researcher, Eli Lilly
- Earl Phalen, J.D., Head of the Summer Advantages Program
- Bart Peterson, Senior Vice President, Eli Lilly and former Mayor of Indianapolis

**About the Council for American Medical Innovation**

The United States faces serious challenges to maintaining its leadership position in innovation. The Council for American Medical Innovation is bringing together leaders in research, medicine, public health, academia, education, labor, and business, who are working in partnership toward a national policy agenda aimed at preserving U.S. leadership in medical innovation. American medical innovators create millions of high-paying jobs, and their discoveries are integral in the fight to cure cancer and other illnesses. The Council for American Medical Innovation views leadership in medical innovation as a key part of America's economic recovery, future prosperity and health.

For more information on the Council for American Medical Innovation, visit [www.americanmedicalinnovation.org](http://www.americanmedicalinnovation.org).

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