



Rear Admiral Steven K. Galson

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Background

RADM Steven K. Galson, M.D., M.P.H. is the Director of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER). As the Director, RADM Galson oversees CDER's broad national and international programs in pharmaceutical regulation and provides leadership for 2300 physicians, statisticians, chemists, pharmacologists and other scientists, as well as administrators whose work promotes and protects public health by ensuring that safe and effective drugs are available to the American public. The health of millions of Americans and the global leadership of the United States in drug development depends on the quality and timeliness of this critical work.



Education

RADM Galson received his Baccalaureate Degree from Stony Brook University in 1978, an M.D. from the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in 1983, and a M.P.H. from the Harvard School of Public Health in 1990. He is Board Certified in General Preventive Medicine and Public Health as well as in Occupational Medicine.

Professional History

RADM Galson began his Public Health Service (PHS) career as an epidemiological investigator at the Centers for Disease Control after completing a residency in internal medicine at the Hospitals of the Medical College of Pennsylvania. He has held senior-level positions at the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy where he was the Chief Medical Officer, and the Department of Health and Human Services. Prior to his arrival at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), RADM Galson was the Director of the Office of Science Coordination and Policy, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances, at the EPA. Dr. Galson joined FDA in April 2001 as the CDER Deputy Center Director and was appointed to his current position as Director in July 2005.

RADM Galson is a strong advocate for the PHs Commissioned Corps and serves as a mentor and career advisor to numerous officers. He actively participates in Corps recruitment activities and established a Commissioned Corps White Oak working group to foster an esprit de corps for officers on the White Oak Campus. Dr. Galson is a board member of the National Board of Medical Examiners and a regular peer reviewer for medical journals.

Awards

RADM Galson is the recipient of numerous PHs awards, including the Outstanding Service Medal for his leadership and management of CDER during a time of national crisis. He is also the recipient of three Secretary of Energy Gold Awards.