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## **Virginia Mason Center for Hyperbaric Medicine Doctors Recognized**

**SEATTLE – (July 1, 2010)** – Two physicians with Virginia Mason’s Center for Hyperbaric Medicine have been recognized in their field.

James Holm, MD, has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Executive Directors of the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society (UHMS), the major international scientific and professional organization for hyperbaric medicine.

Neil Hampson, MD, medical director of Virginia Mason’s Center for Hyperbaric Medicine, received the 2010 Ray Award, given to a physician who has shown excellence in hyperbaric medicine, particularly in areas impacting patient care. The award was presented at the recent UHMS annual meeting in Florida.

In recent months, Hampson also received the Merle P. Spencer Lifetime Achievement Award for significant contributions to the advancement of undersea science and hyperbaric medicine, and the Boerema Award, an international award for exceptional contributions to the field of hyperbaric medicine.

### **About Virginia Mason Medical Center**

Virginia Mason Medical Center, founded in 1920, is a non-profit comprehensive regional health care system in Seattle that combines a primary and specialty care group practice of more than 440 physicians with a 336-bed acute-care hospital. Virginia Mason operates a network of clinics throughout the Puget Sound area; manages Bailey-Boushay House, a nursing residence and Chronic Care Management program for people living with HIV and AIDS; and operates Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason, internationally recognized in autoimmune disease research. Virginia Mason is known for applying manufacturing principles to health care to improve quality and patient safety. For more information, visit [VirginiaMason.org](http://VirginiaMason.org) or [Facebook/VMcares](https://www.facebook.com/VMcares) or follow @VirginiaMason on Twitter.

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