"Medical Marvels The 100 Greatest Advances in Medicine" - New Book Released by Eugene W. Straus, M.D., and Alex Straus

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New York, NY (PRWEB) March 16, 2006 -- At a time when healthcare management corporations are transforming the once intimate doctor-patient relationship into an impersonal provider-customer transaction, it is increasingly difficult for both doctors and the public at large to view medicine as an idealistic calling devoted solely to healing the sick. Yet the history of medicine is filled with dedicated individuals whose greatest motivation was and is a selfless passion to treat and cure illness.

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Emphasizing that medicine should be founded on ethical integrity, compassion, and the encouragement of unfettered scientific research, the authors warn that powerful forces in contemporary society are in danger of seriously neglecting these fundamental principles. This mistake can and must be avoided as we promote the next 100 greatest advances yet to come. Everyone interested in good healthcare will gain a new appreciation for the achievements and future promise of medicine by reading this absorbing and important book.
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