

**C. J. Peters, M.D.**  
**2006 PASCV Clinical Virology Award**  
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Dr. C. J. Peters is currently the John Sealy Distinguished University Professor of Tropical and Emerging Virology at UTMB. He has an active research program in SARS, Rift Valley fever, and other important human pathogens. He



came to UTMB in 2000 after 9 years at CDC where he was head of the Special Pathogens Branch, the group that dealt with hazardous emerging viruses. As examples of the work he did there, his group was called on to investigate a new disease in the southwestern US where they discovered the new virus that caused the illness (hantavirus pulmonary syndrome), described the disease manifestations, and devised programs for surveillance and control. He also led efforts in Africa (Ebola, Rift Valley fever), Asia (Nipah virus in Malaysia), and South America (Bolivian hemorrhagic fever, hantavirus pulmonary syndrome) to control diseases there.

Previous to CDC he spent 13 years at the US Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, the Department of Defense lead agency in biodefense and hazardous virus research.

Dr. Peters worked on several outbreaks overseas and led the team that controlled an Ebola introduction into a monkey facility in Virginia. In addition, Dr. Peters has published more than 300 papers on research and control of viral diseases and served on numerous committees dealing with disease problems world wide. He has been called back as a consultant to CDC and USAMRIID on influenza, vaccines, and other issues after his departure and consulted with the Taipei government on SARS control.