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Lex Frieden is Professor of Biomedical Informatics and of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) and he is Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine.

Mr. Frieden also directs the ILRU – Independent Living Research Utilization Program at TIRR Memorial Hermann in Houston. ILRU is a research, training and technical assistance program on independent living for people with disabilities and seniors.

Mr. Frieden currently serves as chairperson of the United Spinal Association, and he is convener of the National Advisory Board on Improving Health Care Services for Seniors and People with Disabilities, partnering with Amerigroup Corporation to better serve the health insurer's members who utilize long-term services.

Mr. Frieden has served as chairperson of the National Council on Disability, president of Rehabilitation International, and chairperson of the American Association of People with Disabilities. Credited with defining and pioneering the concept of "independent living" in the early 1970's, he has published many articles and papers and he speaks frequently on the subject.

Mr. Frieden was instrumental in conceiving and drafting the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). He has received two Presidential Citations for his work in the field of disability.

A graduate of Tulsa University, Mr. Frieden has been honored as a Distinguished Alumnus. He also holds a master's degree in social psychology from the University of Houston where he completed doctoral requirements in rehabilitation psychology. In 2004, he was awarded an honorary doctorate in law (LL.D.) by the National University of Ireland.