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Emmanuel G. Cassimatis, MD, elected chair of ACGME Board of Directors

Board appoints six directors

CHICAGO, Sep. 30, 2004 – Emmanuel G. Cassimatis, MD, was elected chair of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education's Board of Directors at the ACGME's fall meeting, held Sept. 26-28 in Rosemont, Ill.

Dr. Cassimatis, who served as the Board's chair-elect from 2002 to 2004, is a professor of psychiatry and associate dean of clinical affairs at the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md. He assumed the chairmanship from Charles L. Rice, MD, vice chancellor of health affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago, who completed his term as chair on Sept. 30. Wm. James Howard, MD, senior vice president and medical director at Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C., was elected vice-chair.

The Board also appointed six new board members. The new board members are Susan Day, MD, chair of the department of ophthalmology at the California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco; Bennett L. Johnson, MD, senior medical director for the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia; John C. Maize, MD, clinical professor of

dermatology at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, S.C., and Deborah E. Powell, MD, dean and assistant vice president for clinical affairs at the University of Minnesota Medical School in Minneapolis. Melissa A. Merideth, MD, a genetics fellow at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., was appointed resident director, and Michael L. Klowden, president and CEO of the Milken Institute, was appointed public director.

Tanya Pagan Raggio, MD, director of the division of medicine and dentistry for the Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Health Professions, was appointed as the non-voting federal government representative to the Board.

In addition to Dr. Rice, the following Board members completed their terms of service on Sept. 30: John Fishburne, MD, vice chair of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix, Ariz.; Harold J. Fallon, MD, home secretary of the Institute of Medicine in Washington, D.C.; Allen Lichter, MD, dean of the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor, Mich.; resident director Carlos Vital, MD, New Orleans, La.; and public director Agnar Pytte, PhD, retired president of Case Western Reserve University.

Barry Smith, MD, program director for the physical medicine and rehabilitation residency program at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, completed his term as chair of the RRC Council of Chairs. John David Osguthorpe, MD, professor of otolaryngology at the Medical University of South Carolina, was elected chair of the RRC Council of Chairs.

Members of the ACGME's Board of Directors are nominated by the Council's five member organizations. The American Board of Medical Specialties, American Hospital

Association, American Medical Association, Association of American Medical Colleges, and Council of Medical Specialty Societies each nominates four members, who are appointed by the Board. The Board also includes three public directors, the chair of the Residency Review Council of Chairs, the chair of the RRC Resident Council, another resident member, and a non-voting federal government representative.

The ACGME's winter Board of Directors' meeting will be held Feb. 13-15, 2005 in Rosemont, Ill.

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The ACGME is a private, non-profit organization that accredits about 8,000 medical residency programs in 27 medical specialties that educate nearly 100,000 medical residents. Its mission is to improve the quality of health care in the United States by ensuring and improving the quality of graduate medical education for physicians in training.