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Dr. Doug Kupas and Dr. Jeff Jarvis appointed as NAEMT Medical Directors

Clinton, Miss. – The National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT) is pleased to announce the appointment of Douglas F. Kupas, MD, EMT-P, FAEMS, FACEP, as NAEMT’s Medical Director, and Dr. Jeffrey L. Jarvis, MD, MS, EMT-P, FACEP, FAEMS, as NAEMT’s Associate Medical Director effective January 1. Drs. Kupas and Jarvis will provide advice and guidance to the NAEMT Board of Directors on medical issues related to the association’s activities, including its policies, position statements, programs, and vendor agreements to ensure consistency with accepted pre-hospital clinical standards and practice. Dr. Kupas will serve as a non-voting member of the NAEMT Board.

NAEMT President Bruce Evans stated, “Our association is quite honored to have Dr. Kupas and Dr. Jarvis supporting our mission and members with their tremendous knowledge and expertise. We are fortunate and deeply grateful to have such distinguished physicians willing to contribute their time to NAEMT.”



Dr. Kupas is medical director for Geisinger EMS and director of Mobile Integrated Healthcare for Geisinger Health System, his professional home for the past 30 years. He is an Emergency Medical Services (EMS) physician, Professor of Emergency Medicine, Resuscitologist and the EMS Medical Director for the State of Pennsylvania for the past 20 years. A board-certified emergency physician subspecializing in EMS, Dr. Kupas is an avid researcher and passionate advocate for EMS practitioner and patient safety. His clinical interests include CPR, hypothermia, end-of-life care, EMS patient and practitioner safety and EMS airway management.

Dr. Kupas’s EMS career began 40 years ago when he joined Lower Kiski Ambulance Services in Leechburg, PA, on his 16th birthday as a volunteer. He later became a paramedic and a physician. He earned his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University and completed his residency in emergency medicine at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA. Dr. Kupas serves as the associate chief academic officer for simulation and student affairs at Geisinger, assistant dean for medical student affairs at the Temple University School of Medicine at the Geisinger Clinical Campus, and an associate at Geisinger’s Department of Emergency Medicine. He is a member of many local, state and national organizations and has numerous honors, awards and publications to his credit, including development of an anonymous patient safety event reporting system that became the EVENT reporting system.

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Dr. Jarvis is the EMS medical director for the Williamson County EMS system in Texas. He also serves as the medical director for Marble Falls Area EMS, is an emergency physician at Baylor Scott & White Health in Round Rock, Texas, and is the chief medical officer for FlightBridgeED. He is board-certified in emergency medicine and EMS. He began his career as a paramedic with Williamson County EMS in 1988 and continues to maintain his paramedic license.

Dr. Jarvis received his paramedic license in 1988, bachelor's degree in Psychology from Texas A&M University in 1990, master's degree from New York Medical College in 1991 and Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in 2005. He completed his residency at the Texas A&M College of Medicine/Scott & White Hospital in Texas. Dr. Jarvis is an educator, accomplished researcher, author, speaker and blogger. He serves on the boards and committees of several state and national organizations and has received several awards.

About NAEMT

Formed in 1975 and more than 72,000 members strong, the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians is the only national association representing the professional interests of all emergency and mobile healthcare practitioners, including emergency medical technicians, advanced emergency medical technicians, emergency medical responders, paramedics, advanced practice paramedics, critical care paramedics, flight paramedics, community paramedics, and mobile integrated healthcare practitioners. NAEMT members work in all sectors of EMS, including government agencies, fire departments, hospital-based ambulance services, private companies, industrial and special operations settings, and in the military.

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