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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The American Board of Preventive Medicine is pleased to announce the selection of P. Glenn Merchant, MD, MPH&TM as its next Executive Director. Dr. Merchant will succeed James M. Vanderploeg, MD, MPH upon his retirement from the position on August 31, 2010. In this role, Dr. Merchant will serve as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Board responsible for carrying out all functions of the Board.

Dr. Merchant joins the American Board of Preventive Medicine after completing more than 32 years of Naval Service. He is currently a Captain in the Medical Corps and serves as the Director of the Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board at the US Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Dr. Merchant is a former Marine Aviator and Naval Flight Surgeon who has served in a variety of Aerospace and Preventive Medicine positions during his career, including an extended faculty assignment at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Dr. Merchant is a graduate of The Citadel – the Military College of South Carolina, the Medical University of South Carolina, and the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

Dr. Merchant served as a Trustee of the American Board of Preventive Medicine from 1999 to 2007. During his tenure he served as Vice Chair of Aerospace Medicine, Chair of the Examination Committees for Aerospace Medicine and Undersea & Hyperbaric Medicine, and Chair of the Board from 2003-2007. In addition, he completed a one-year term on the Board of Directors of the American Board of Medical Specialties, and served as a member of the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education's Preventive Medicine Residency Review Committee.

Welcoming Dr. Merchant, current Executive Director Jim Vanderploeg said: "We are delighted that Glenn has agreed to take the position of Executive Director as the Board undertakes new challenges in the certification and maintenance of certification of physicians in the specialty areas and subspecialties of Preventive Medicine. Glenn brings a wealth of experience in both the education of physicians in Preventive Medicine and the activities of the Board. He joins the Board at a time of expansion of the Maintenance of Certification process and the development of a new subspecialty in Clinical Informatics. The Board is fortunate to have a professional of his character and experience to implement these new and expanding programs."

Commenting on his selection, Dr. Merchant added: "I am honored to be given the opportunity to work with the Board as Executive Director during the exciting years ahead. The medical profession is facing new challenges in improving the quality of medical care and demonstrating the enhanced value of board

certification to our patients and the public at large. The Board is fortunate to have a team of excellent staff and Trustees and I am looking forward to meeting the challenges and seizing the opportunities ahead.”

The American Board of Preventive Medicine is one of 24 Member Boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties. It certifies physicians in the specialty areas of Aerospace Medicine, Occupational Medicine, and Public Health/General Preventive Medicine as well as in the subspecialties of Medical Toxicology and Undersea & Hyperbaric Medicine.