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AMDA President Paul Katz, MD, CMD, Is Named VP at Baycrest in Toronto

Columbia, MD – Paul Katz, MD, CMD, AMDA's 2010-2011 President, has been appointed Vice-President, Medical Services, at Baycrest, one of the world's premier academic health sciences centers focused on aging. He will start his new position at the Canadian-based organization on July 19, 2010.

Currently, Dr. Katz is Professor of Medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. He is also Chief of the Division of Geriatrics/Aging at the University of Rochester School of Medicine, Medical Director at Monroe Community Hospital (one of the most famous academic nursing homes in the United States), associate Chief of Staff for research at the Canandaigua U.S. Veterans Administration Hospital, and Director of the Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center, sponsored by the U.S. Bureau of Health Professions.

"Dr. Katz has long been a clinical leader in the field of geriatrics, and he is recognized globally as an expert in the long term care field. He will bring much to his new position," said AMDA Executive Director Lorraine Tarnove. William E. Reichman, MD, Baycrest President and CEO, added, "Dr. Katz's enthusiasm and expertise will ensure that we are at the forefront of new 'system changes' that will improve transitions of care and enhance quality across the health care continuum."

A widely published author and speaker at numerous AMDA and other national meetings and conferences, Dr. Katz is also an active educator. In addition to serving as a faculty member for AMDA Core Curriculum programs, he is senior editor for the Springer Series: Advances in Long Term Care, as well as co-editor of the textbooks, *Practice of Geriatrics* and *Psychiatry in Long Term Care*. Dr. Katz also has pursued research interests in geriatric education and the organizational correlates of quality care in long term care settings.

After receiving his BS and MD degrees from the University of Michigan, Dr. Katz completed training in internal medicine at Blodgett Memorial Medical Center in Grand Rapids, MI. After finishing two years in the U.S. Public Health Service working with older adults, he completed a fellowship in geriatrics at the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1984 and went on to direct geriatric services at the Buffalo Veteran's Administration Medical Center before moving onto the University of Rochester.

The American Medical Directors Association (AMDA) is the national professional association of medical directors, attending physicians, and other professionals practicing long term care medicine committed to the continuous improvement of patient care. The organization provides education, advocacy, information, and professional development for medical directors and other practitioners from various disciplines working together to deliver quality long term care.

Baycrest, located in Toronto, Ontario, provides care and services to approximately 2,500 people a day through the Baycrest Geriatric Health Care System, which includes a unique continuum of care from wellness programs, residential housing, and outpatient clinics to a 472-bed nursing home and a 300-bed complex continuing care hospital facility with an acute care unit.

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