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AMDA Elects Karyn Leible, RN, MD, CMD, 2011-2012 President

Columbia, MD – Karyn Leible, RN, MD, CMD, Chief Clinical Officer at Pinon Management in Lakewood, CO, has been elected to serve as the 2011-2012 President of AMDA – Dedicated to Long Term Care Medicine.

Dr. Leible has been an active AMDA member since she joined the organization in 1993. She has been on the AMDA Board of Directors since 2007 and has served as President of the Board of Directors of AMDA-affiliated Long Term Care Direct since 2006. She is a former chair of the American Medical Directors Certification Program Board, and has been active in several AMDA state chapters.

In discussing her priorities as president, Dr. Leible noted, “There is a continuum to the work of the president. I will be moving forward on the development of competencies for long term care physicians, a project started by Paul Katz [2010-2011 AMDA President].”

Stressing that she takes AMDA’s tagline, “Dedicated to Long Term Care Medicine,” seriously, Dr. Leible stated, “I’m interested in education and looking at all aspects of long term care medicine.” She added, “We are expanding our offerings in terms of webinars and online education. I’m looking forward to working with AMDA’s Online Task Force to further expand our online programming and increase offerings for all team members and ensure their access to these educational opportunities.”

Prior to her career as a long term care physician and medical director, Dr. Leible served as an intensive care unit nurse. She expressed, “Nursing taught me compassion for my residents and an understanding of the needs of staff who care for them. It prepared me well to work with the interdisciplinary team.”

Dr. Leible received her BA from Boston University and a nursing degree from the Massachusetts General Hospital School of Nursing. After working as a nurse for several years, Dr. Leible decided to pursue a medical degree. She graduated from the University of Colorado, School of Medicine in 1990 and completed a fellowship in geriatrics. Currently, she is Chief Clinical Officer at Pinon Management in Lakewood, CO, a position she has held since 2008. Previously, she was Medical Director of the Colorado State Veterans Home.

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AMDA – Dedicated to Long Term Care (formerly the American Medical Directors Association) 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. AMDA provides education, advocacy, information, and professional development enable its members to deliver quality long term care.