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NEW DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT JOINS NCCPA TEAM

Johns Creek, GA, September 13, 2011 – Greg Thomas has joined the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) in a consultative role as the director of professional development and is among those charged with providing the organization insights on trends and issues affecting the Physician Assistant (PA) profession. Having over 30 years of experience with the PA profession, Greg has extensive knowledge of the industry and will work with staff and leadership to develop and implement enhancements to the NCCPA certification maintenance process. He will also represent NCCPA at professional conferences and events across the nation.

“Greg has been a champion of PAs for over three decades and brings with him an impressive network of contacts throughout both the PA and physician world,” said Janet Lathrop, president and CEO, NCCPA. “We feel very fortunate he is now a member of the NCCPA team.”

Prior to joining NCCPA, Greg served as senior vice president of education, membership, and resource development for the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) for nearly 20 years, and before that, as director of the office of continuing medical education at George Washington University Medical Center, where he also practiced as a PA for 13 years.

Greg continues to have a faculty appointment as adjunct associate professor of health care sciences at George Washington University. He received his bachelor’s degree in biology and chemistry from Xavier University, an additional bachelor’s degree from the physician assistant program at the Baylor College of Medicine, and a master’s degree in public health with a focus on health care administration from the University of Texas.

About the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants
The National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) is the only recognized credentialing organization for physician assistants in the United States. Since its inception as a not-for-profit organization in 1975, more than 86,000 physician assistants have been certified by NCCPA. NCCPA administers initial and recertifying exams, has an established program for certification maintenance, and in 2011 launched a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) program for certified PAs practicing in specialties. For more information on NCCPA, please visit www.NCCPA.net.

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