NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INPATIENT PHYSICIANS ELECTS
2002 OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF HOSPITALISTS

April 10, 2002 (PHILADELPHIA, PA) – Mark V. Williams, M.D., FACP, founder of the nation’s first hospitalist program at a public hospital, has been elected president of the National Association of Inpatient Physicians (NAIP). As President, Dr. Williams will be responsible for coordinating the 2002 expansion goals of the Association, overseeing the Association’s various committees and increasing national visibility for the nation’s fastest growing medical specialty – hospitalists.

Other newly elected officers are Jeffrey Dichter, M.D., NAIP’s president-elect; Steven Pantilat, M.D., treasurer; and David Zipes, M.D., secretary.

The announcement of the new officers was made at NAIP’s fifth annual meeting held April 9-10 in Philadelphia. NAIP is the premier U.S. medical society representing hospitalists, physicians whose primary professional focus is the general medical care of hospitalized patients.

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Dr. Williams is an Associate Professor of Medicine, Associate Director of the Division of General Medicine, and Director of the Hospital Medicine Unit at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta. In 1998, he established the first hospitalist program at a public hospital, and now supervises a growing program of hospitalists at six Georgia hospitals. He also directs the Center for Clinical Effectiveness of the Grady Health System, where he leads quality improvement projects and development of clinical pathways. He is a member of the EBM Task Force for the Society of General Internal Medicine, a member of the Advisory Panel for the AHRQ-funded WebM&M patient safety project being developed by the UCSF-Stanford Evidence-Based Practice Center, and a strong advocate and teacher of evidence-based medicine.

“2002 will be another pivotal year for hospitalists and for NAIP as we become increasingly involved in patient safety, patient education, and issues concerning malpractice and reimbursement,” said Williams. “Our rapid expansion throughout the country will continue to make us one of the fastest growing medical specialties in the nation, giving NAIP the broader challenge of serving as the nucleus around which community and academic hospitalists can revolve to share ideas, concerns, skills and novel innovations.”

“Dr. Williams has been a champion of the hospitalist movement for a number of years and strongly supports the expanding role hospitalists are playing in improving the nation’s healthcare system,” said outgoing president Ron Angus, M.D.

President-elect Jeffrey R. Dichter, M.D., is a staff hospitalist and intensivist at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana. He also is a full partner in Medical Consultant's, a large multi-specialty organization in Muncie. Dr. Dichter currently serves on the finance committee of NAIP and has prior organizational experience as one of the original founders of the Washington, DC, chapter of the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

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NAIP’s 2002 Treasurer, Steven Pantilat, M.D., is Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine, in the Department of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. He serves as a hospitalist attending on the medical service three months a year and is the director of both the Comfort Care Suites, a 2-bed inpatient palliative care unit, and the Palliative Care Consult Service at UCSF.

Dr. Pantilat’s research specialty is improving end-of-life care in hospitals and palliative care education. Along with colleagues at UCSF, Dr. Pantilat is co-editor of a new, ongoing series in the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* focused on improving end-of-life care. Dr. Pantilat also serves on the National Advisory Committee of the Center to Advance Palliative Care.

David G. Zipes, M.D., NAIP’s 2002 secretary, has been a full-time pediatric hospitalist since completing pediatric residency training in 1996. He founded and directs a four-physician pediatric hospitalist group in Indianapolis, Indiana, and is the medical director of a pediatric urgent care center. He has been an advocate for pediatric hospitalists and was recently the director of the pediatric section of NAIP. He is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Provisional Section on Hospital Care and has lectured nationally on the topic of pediatric hospitalists.

Currently there are approximately 5,000 hospitalists nationwide with the number expected to grow fourfold by the end of the decade. Hospitalist activities include patient care, research, teaching and leadership related to hospital care. For more information, visit NAIP at [www.naiponline.com](http://www.naiponline.com).

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