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**Robin N. Hunter-Buskey, PA-C, Raleigh, Elected to
Board of Federation of State Medical Boards of U.S.**



May 17, 2005--Raleigh, NC: On Saturday, May 14, 2005, in Dallas, Texas, at the Annual Meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, Robin N. Hunter-Buskey, PA-C, of Raleigh, a member of the North Carolina Medical Board, was elected to the Federation's Board of Directors. Ms Hunter-Buskey is the first physician assistant ever elected to the Federation's Board. She is the sixth member of the North Carolina Medical Board to be elected to a position on the Federation Board in the past 48 years, and continues the Board's distinguished tradition of leadership on the national scene. (Four of the previous five members of the Board who served with the Federation also served as

presidents of the organization and one served as the organization's executive vice president.)

The Federation is the national voluntary organization of state medical boards. It has 69 member boards representing every medical licensing jurisdiction in the United States, including Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. (In some states, medical doctors--MDs--and doctors of osteopathy--DOs--are licensed by separate boards. All belong to the Federation, however.) The Federation was founded in 1912.

Among many other things, the Federation, with the National Board of Medical Examiners, is responsible for the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE). It also publishes the *Journal of Medical Licensure and Discipline* and operates the Board Action Data Bank, which is a permanent record of disciplinary actions taken by all medical boards and which keeps each member board informed of disciplinary actions taken by other member boards.

The Federation is a major force in the field of medical licensure and regulation in the United States and is an active member of the International Association of Medical Regulatory Authorities.

Born in New York, Robin N. Hunter-Buskey, a member of the North Carolina Medical Board since November 2000, took two BS degrees, one as a physical therapist and the other as a physician assistant, from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. She was certified in both fields. From 1981 to 1997, she worked in one or both of these capacities in several New York institutions, including the VA Medical Center, the Bronx, and Montefiore Hospital and Medical center, the Bronx. From 1989 to 1997, she was a member of the New York Board of Professional Medical Conduct. From 1997 to August 2003, she worked as a physician assistant at CaroMont

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Internal Medicine in Gastonia, North Carolina. While there, she was involved in a number of clinical studies and trials. In 2002, she earned a master's degree (MPAS) from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She is presently on active duty as a United States Public Health Service Officer—Rank 04. She is serving with the Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons, at the Federal Medical Center, Butner, North Carolina.

In 1994, she received the Outstanding Leadership Award from the New York Society of Physician Assistants, and in 1996, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from SUNY at Stony Brook School of Health Technology and Management. In the latter year, she was also given the Innovations in Health Care: Clinical Excellence Award from the American Academy of Physician Assistants and Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. In 1998, she received the “Women Who Dare to Be Different” Community Service Award from Congressman Edolphus Towns.

Ms Hunter-Buskey is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants, the North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants, and the New York State Society of Physician Assistants. She has been deeply involved in the organizational and educational activities of each of these professional groups and was president of the Physician Assistant Foundation from 1999 to 2001. She has also been a lecturer and clinical instructor in geriatrics at the Harlem Physician Assistant Program of the City University of New York, the SUNY Downstate-Brooklyn, the SUNY at Stony Brook, and other institutions. She is currently a member of and consultant to the National Advisory Boards for primary care issues (diabetes, depression).

As a member of the North Carolina Medical Board, Ms Hunter-Buskey has served as chair of the Board's PA Advisory Council and its Allied Health Committee. She has also been a member of the Board's Licensing, Compliance, Investigative, and Midwifery Committees and its Joint Subcommittee on Nurse Practitioners. She has given numerous presentations to PAs and PA students throughout North Carolina about the Board and its work. She has served on the Federation of State Medical Board's Rules and Bylaws Committees.

** Ms Hunter-Buskey's photo may be found in the “About the Board” section of the North Carolina Medical Board's Web site at www.ncmedboard.org. Further information about the North Carolina Medical Board may also be found on that site. Information about the Federation of State Medical Boards may be found on the Federation's Web site at www.fsmb.org.*

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