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Wendy M. Rashidi, M.D., Earns Integrative Medicine Board Certification

Tampa, FL -- The American Board of Physician Specialties (ABPS), the official certifying body of the American Association of Physician Specialists, Inc. (AAPS), is pleased to announce that Wendy M. Rashidi, M.D., of Upland, CA successfully completed all of the requirements for certification in integrative medicine through the American Board of Integrative Medicine® (ABOIM®), an ABPS Member Board of Certification.

Board certification from the American Board of Integrative Medicine enables successful candidates to present themselves to the public as qualified medical specialists in the practice of Integrative Medicine. Completing the Integrative Medicine board certification indicates mastery of the specialty experience and knowledge as well as a professional commitment to adhere to the ABPS Medical Code of Ethics. The ABOIM defines integrative medicine as the practice of medicine that reaffirms the importance of the relationship between practitioner and patient, focuses on the whole person, is informed by evidence, and makes use of all appropriate therapeutic approaches, healthcare professionals and disciplines to achieve optimal health and healing. Additional information is available at www.ABOIM.org.

The ABOIM and other ABPS Member Boards maintain requirements which assure the public that physicians obtaining certification have met high standards of knowledge and expertise in their specialty. These elements include:

- Graduation from a duly accredited medical school. Diplomates hold active and unencumbered licenses in good standing through the licensing process of an individual state which adheres to policies of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB).
- An accredited medical residency training program approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) that includes substantial and identifiable training in an appropriate area for the specialty being recognized as determined by the ABPS.
- Recertification every 8 years in which applicants demonstrate competency in their specialty by maintaining skills and staying knowledgeable of the latest procedures and developments in the specialty. Recertification requires passage of a written examination.
- Documented, valid, reliable, and psychometrically sound written examinations consistent with testing standards of the American Educational Research Association and the American Psychological Association. Content and scoring of the written examinations, oral examinations, and on-site reviews are directly linked to the physician practice analysis for each specialty. A comprehensive report of the Practice Analysis Studies documents the processes used to identify the skills and knowledge needed in the practice of each specialty and to validate their criticality and importance.
- Verification of physician credentials for certification by inquiry to both the FSMB Credentials Verification Service and the American Medical Association's Physicians Profiling Service. Queries are always carried out on every physician for the initial certification and each subsequent recertification.

ABPS is the third largest nationally recognized multi-specialty certifying organization in the United States and certifies physicians in a myriad of specialties and types of practices. The ABPS Member Boards offer certification and recertification in the following medical specialty areas: Anesthesiology, Dermatology, Diagnostic Radiology, Disaster Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine Obstetrics, Family Practice, Hospital Medicine, Integrative Medicine, Internal Medicine, Orthopedic Surgery, and Urgent Care. Recertification is also offered in Geriatric Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Psychiatry, Radiation Oncology, and Surgery.

For more information on the American Board of Integrative Medicine and other Member Boards of Certification, please visit our web site at www.abpsus.org.

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