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### **CAPG ANNOUNCES 2006 BOARD OFFICERS**

**Los Angeles, Calif., January 24, 2006**—The California Association of Physician Groups (CAPG), California's largest physician organization association, today announced it has elected Barton Wald, MD, as Chair of the Association's Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Wald is President and CEO of Physician Associates of the Greater San Gabriel Valley, a Pasadena-based physician group contracting with 800 doctors that provide health care to approximately 130,000 patients in Southern California. Wald's one-year term as the CAPG Chair began on January 1, 2006. The Association also named Robert Margolis, MD, CEO of HealthCare Partners Medical Group, as its Chair Elect.

"Dr. Wald's background as a physician, coupled with his extensive experience in executive management with hospital, health plan, practice management and physician organizations, demonstrates he is a proven leader and valuable asset to the CAPG organization," said Donald Crane, president and CEO for CAPG. "With Dr. Wald at the helm, I'm confident CAPG will make significant strides forward in 2006 as we continue our efforts to improve health care for Californians. "

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As Chair, Wald leads committee and board activities essential to the management of the Association. His focus is on monitoring the needs of the organization's membership as they work with health plans, legislators, regulators and each other to improve health care delivery and identify strategies that help strengthen their medical group practices.

"CAPG is an excellent organization and I'm looking forward to working with the executive committee, governing board, CAPG staff and others as we continue to improve and promote the managed care model for health care delivery" said Wald. "The managed care model provides better health care and more value for the premium dollar than any other health care delivery model in the nation, and I pledge to do all I can to further enhance this delivery system and the medical groups that support it. "

### **About CAPG**

The California Association of Physician Groups (CAPG) is a professional association committed to improving health care for Californians. Based in Los Angeles and Sacramento, California, CAPG membership includes over 150 of California's leading physician groups representing more than 40,000 physicians who provide healthcare services to approximately 13 million Californians. For more information about CAPG, please visit [www.capg.org](http://www.capg.org).

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