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## **RANDY DANIELSEN JOINS THE NCCPA FOUNDATION AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

(JOHNS CREEK, GA) – The NCCPA Foundation—an organization dedicated to promoting certified physician assistant excellence through research, education and other initiatives—is pleased to announce that Randy Danielsen, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA, will join the organization as its new senior vice president effective July 1, 2010.

“As the Foundation celebrates its fifth year, I can think of no better way to position the organization for its next stage of growth than adding Randy to the Foundation team with his record of leadership, background in research, success as an educator, and passion for the PA profession,” said Janet J. Lathrop, MBA, who serves as president of both NCCPA and the NCCPA Foundation. “With more than 30 years of experience as a certified PA and the variety of roles he has fulfilled during his career, Randy brings a new perspective to the work of the Foundation at an exciting time for us.”

In this new position, Danielsen will lead the efforts of the Foundation’s staff members as the organization works to build on existing programs, particularly the organization’s research grants program and its *Concepts in PA Excellence* DVD series, while expanding the Foundation in new directions to be defined under his leadership.

Danielsen leaves his position as dean and professor of the Arizona School of Health Sciences (a school of A.T. Still University) to join the Foundation team.

Since graduating from the University of Utah PA Program in 1974, Danielsen has distinguished himself as a clinician, PA educator, author and editor. He served on the board of directors of the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) and served as a board member and chairman for NCCPA. Earlier in his career, he served as president of the Utah Academy of Physician Assistants, the Arizona State Association of PAs and as chair of the Arizona Regulatory Board for PAs. Retired after 28 years of service in the US Air Force and Army National Guard with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Danielsen is also a former president of the Veterans Caucus of the AAPA and was honored with the Caucus’s Civilian PA of the Year Award in 2003. Danielsen was named Outstanding PA of the Year by the AAPA in 1993 and currently serves as PA editor-in-chief for *Clinician Reviews*.

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