**METI & ABPS Team Up to Develop World's First American Board of Disaster Medicine Certification Examination**

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***Patient Simulators Capable of Recognizing and Responding to Medical Treatment and Drugs will be Used to Test Physicians' Skills in Disaster Medicine***

Sarasota, FL -- The American Board of Physician Specialists (ABPS) and Medical Education Technologies, Inc.® (METI®) are joining forces to better evaluate and examine physicians' core knowledge to deal with disasters.

As the world's largest manufacturer of medical simulation products and educational tools, METI was selected to develop a patient simulation examination that will test a physician's ability to treat a disaster victim. METI and ABPS will create a Simulation Committee, which will help develop the examination as part of the physician's Certification in Disaster Medicine.

"METI's patient simulators and educational products are the gold standard for bringing risk-free realism to the learning lab at medical education institutions worldwide," said METI President and CEO Lou Oberndorf. "We're honored and excited to be an integral partner to ABPS' plans to offer the first patient simulation examination in disaster medicine in 2007."

Recent events have exposed a nationwide shortage of appropriately trained physicians to respond to disasters. In response, the ABPS has established a new board of certification in disaster medicine. The goal of the American Board of Disaster Medicine is to foster, coordinate, build and facilitate partnerships between disaster medicine specialists and all levels of government and the private sector. This board is creating the first physician certification examination in disaster medicine.

"The development of the nation's first board certification in disaster medicine ultimately benefits our citizens and our nation," said William J. Carbone, CEO, American Association of Physician Specialists, Inc. "This new certification is different than any other since it involves all medical specialties and medical

specialists. The simulation component of the exam will help to ensure our physicians are prepared to care for disaster victims."

The joint effort will create a Simulation Committee comprised of current members of the ABDM, expert users in disaster medicine patient simulation and METI staff. METI will host face-to-face committee meetings at its headquarters in Sarasota, Florida.

**About METI Patient Simulation**

Based in Sarasota, Florida, Medical Education Technologies, Inc. (METI®) has been a leader in interactive human patient simulation since 1996. Each METI simulator is designed to simulate bleeding, breathing, talking, blinking and numerous other physiological characteristics to simulate various medical emergency scenarios including heart attack, drug overdose, vehicular accidents, effects from weapons of mass destruction, bio-terrorism and other traumatic injuries. With over $25 million in sales annually, more than 1000 organizations worldwide utilize METI's technology including NASA, Center for Domestic Preparedness, U.S. and foreign militaries, leading medical schools such as Mayo Clinic, Harvard, UCLA, Cleveland Clinic, Mount Sinai, Stanford and others. Please visit www.meti.com for more information.

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