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**NEWS RELEASE**  
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### **Paulo R. De Andrade, MD, FAAFP, Earns 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 Paulo R. De Andrade, MD, FAAFP, of Wakeeney, KS successfully completed all of the requirements for certification in Emergency Medicine through the Board of Certification in Emergency Medicine (BCEM), an AAPS/ABPS affiliated Board of Certification.

ABPS is the third largest national multi-specialty certifying organization in the United States and represents thousands of physicians in a myriad of specialties and types of practices. AAPS was organized in 1950 to provide a clinically recognized mechanism for specialty certification of physicians with advanced training. Unlike other medical associations, which are exclusionary, the AAPS is composed of both allopathic (MD) and osteopathic (DO) physicians. The majority (85%) are allopathic. In order to attain specialty certification, licensed physicians must meet the rigorous requirements of the appropriate certification board and the AAPS/ABPS. Eligibility requirements include advanced training, significant experience, good moral character and successful completion of specialty written and oral examinations. The AAPS/ABPS affiliated Boards of Certification include certain 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. Members 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.

The ABPS Member Boards of Certification offer certification and recertification in the following medical specialty areas: Anesthesiology, Dermatology, Diagnostic Radiology, Disaster Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Obstetrics, Family Practice, Integrative Medicine, Internal Medicine, Orthopedic Surgery, and Urgent Care. Recertification is also offered in Geriatric Medicine, Hospital Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ophthalmology, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Psychiatry, Radiation Oncology, and Surgery.

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