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**WAYNE J. RILEY, MD, MPH, MBA, MACP TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF
THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS –
THE NATION’S LARGEST MEDICAL SPECIALTY ORGANIZATION**

WILL SERVE AS THE THIRD AFRICAN AMERICAN PRESIDENT IN ACP HISTORY

Philadelphia, PA, (April 3, 2015)— Wayne J. Riley, MD, MPH, MBA, MACP, has been named President of the American College of Physicians (ACP), the nation’s largest medical specialty organization. Dr. Riley’s term will begin at the conclusion of ACP’s Internal Medicine Meeting 2015, the organization’s annual scientific meeting in Boston, MA, April 30-May 2.

He will be the third African American physician to serve as President following in the footsteps of Gerald E. Thomson, M.D., MACP (1995-96) and Charles K. Francis, M.D., MACP (2004-2005).

Dr. Riley has served as a member of ACP’s Board of Regents since 2009 and previously served as President of the Texas Academy of Internal Medicine – the Texas Chapter of the ACP and as Governor-elect of the Texas Southern region of the College. He also served as the first Vice Chair for the National Council of Associates and a member of the ACP’s Health & Public Policy, Financial Policy and Awards Committees.

Dr. Riley has been a Master of the American College of Physicians (MACP) since 2009, and was previously a Fellow (FACP) since 2000. Election to Mastership recognizes outstanding career

accomplishments, excellence and notable contributions to the art of medicine and is the College's highest membership class.

Currently, Dr. Riley is clinical professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, and an Adjunct Professor of Healthcare Management at Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University. From January 2007- June 2013, Dr. Riley served with distinction as the 10th President and Chief Executive Officer of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee where he also held the rank of tenured Professor of Medicine and Senior Health Policy Associate at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at Meharry.

He earned the bachelor's degree from Yale University, a master's in Public Health degree from the Tulane University School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine, the M.D. degree from the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia and in 2002 the master's in Business Administration degree from Rice University's Jesse H. Jones Graduate School of Business. After earning his medical degree, he completed residency training in internal medicine at Baylor College of Medicine where he began his career rising from an Instructor of Medicine to Associate Professor of Medicine and corporate officer as Vice President for Health Affairs & Governmental Relations. He is a Diplomate of both the American Board of Internal Medicine and the National Board of Medical Examiners and is licensed to practice medicine in the states of Louisiana, Georgia, Texas and Tennessee. MS

Dr. Riley is a member of the prestigious Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academy of Sciences where he serves as Vice Chair of the IOM Section on the Administration of Health Services, Education and Research and holds memberships in Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, the Arnold P. Gold Medical Humanism Society, Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society, the American Clinical & Climatological Association and the Society of Medical Administrators. He is a member of the American Medical Association (AMA) and the National Medical Association (NMA). He is the recipient of numerous awards including two honorary degrees: the Doctor of Humane Letters from the State University of New York, Brooklyn (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center and the Doctor of Science from Tuskegee University.

He is a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

Dr. Riley is a proud native of New Orleans, Louisiana and prior to pursuing a career in Medicine, Dr. Riley served for five years (1981-1986) in three significant management and policy capacities as a mayoral appointee and close aide and confidant to New Orleans' late legendary Mayor Ernest N. "Dutch" Morial, rising at the age of 26 to be Executive Assistant to the Mayor for Intergovernmental Relations, the youngest in the city's history.

Dr. Riley's primary areas of interest are general internal medicine, primary care, health disparities and health equity, leadership in healthcare, health professions education, public health, health care management and policy, academic health science center administration and government.

About the American College of Physicians

The American College of Physicians (www.acponline.org) is the largest medical specialty organization and the second-largest physician group in the United States. ACP members include 141,000 internal medicine physicians (internists), related subspecialists, and medical students. Internal medicine physicians are specialists who apply scientific knowledge and clinical expertise to the diagnosis, treatment, and compassionate care of adults across the spectrum from health to complex illness. Follow ACP on Twitter (www.twitter.com/acpinternists) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/acpinternists).

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