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**Kevin M. Takakuwa, M.D., Appointed Interim Medical
Director of AMH Emergency Department**

August 6, 2010 (Auburn, NY) – Kevin M. Takakuwa, M.D., has been appointed Interim Medical Director of Auburn Memorial Hospital’s (AMH’s) Emergency Department and the two urgent care centers on Grant Avenue in Auburn and on Route 20 in Skaneateles. Dr. Takakuwa is part of the Pegasus Emergency Medicine Group, a nationally known firm selected by AMH to oversee its ED and urgent care centers. Pegasus officially started on July 12, 2010.

Takakuwa, along with the Emergency Department physicians, AMH leadership, and the ED nurses, plans to improve the quality of care, speed up movement through the department, and increase satisfaction.

Takakuwa is Board Certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine. He earned his medical degree at the University of California Davis School of Medicine. He completed a Residency at the Department of Emergency Medicine Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining Auburn Memorial Hospital, he established an accredited Chest Pain Center at Thomas Jefferson University (TJU) in Philadelphia, PA, developed protocols and ran the center from 2005 – 2008. He was also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at TJU. He is a member of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine and the Society of Chest Pain Centers.

Dr. James Blute III, Chief Medical Officer at AMH, stated: “Dr. Takakuwa brings to Auburn Memorial Hospital a wide breadth of experience from emergency departments around the country. He is a welcome addition to our medical staff.”