

WALKER APPOINTS EMERGENCY ROOM MEDICAL DIRECTOR

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BIRMINGHAM, AL --- Walker Baptist Medical Center recently welcomed Dr. Kent Taub as the medical director of the emergency department.

As medical director, Taub will oversee all operations of the emergency room. This includes providing a comfortable and positive emergency room experience for patients.

Taub's arrival also marks the beginning of Baptist Health System's partnership with Pegasus Emergency Group. More than 180,000 patients were seen in the four BHS emergency rooms in 2009. The continued growth and demand for physicians in emergency rooms called for an enhanced approach of staffing physicians. Pegasus Emergency Group has a track record of success.

"The partnership with Pegasus Emergency Group will allow us to work in an increasingly integrated way in our four hospitals," said Dr. Elizabeth Ennis, chief medical officer of Baptist Health System. "Our patients will benefit from this partnership because the care that is provided in the emergency departments can be measured by defined metrics, a physician report card if you will. Pegasus and BHS will use this data to continuously improve the emergency department experience for our patients."

"I'm thrilled to become a part of both Walker Baptist Medical Center and the Pegasus Emergency Group as we bring Jasper and the surrounding communities the best emergency care available," Taub added

Taub earned a bachelor of arts at Rice University in Houston, Texas and his doctorate of medicine at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. He completed his residency in emergency medicine at Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in El Paso, Texas.

He specializes in emergency department administration, standing delegated order creation, point of care testing implementation and is experienced in offering creative solutions for emergency room overcrowding and improvement in patient flow.

Taub has been instrumental in the creation of a Joint Commission certified stroke program and assisted in achieving full accreditation from the society of chest pain centers at John Peter Smith Health Network's chest pain unit in Fort Worth, Texas.

During his tenure at JPS, Taub served as chairman and medical director of the department of emergency medicine, medical director of the stroke program, co-medical director of the chest pain unit and medical director for the sexual assault nurse examiner program.

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About Baptist Health System - Baptist Health System, Inc. is one of the largest health care systems in Alabama and one of the state's largest employers. The System is a not-for-profit, 501(c) corporation that owns and manages four hospitals in the state of Alabama. Baptist Health System is a ministry of the churches of the Birmingham Baptist Association, whose representatives elect the Board of Trustees. It was founded in 1922 by a group of local Baptist congregations.

About Pegasus Emergency Group - Pegasus Emergency Group is a rapidly growing emergency medicine company with a commitment to excellence. We are dedicated to exceptional patient care, outstanding opportunities for physicians, and superb performance for our partner hospitals. With 100 percent growth in the last year alone, stay tuned for more exciting news about the company.