

## **Carolinas College of Health Sciences Announces December 2007 Commencement Speaker**

**Charlotte, NC, December, 2007** – Carolinas College of Health Sciences has secured Dr. Jon R. Krohmer, deputy chief medical officer of the United States Department of Homeland Security as the December 2007 commencement speaker. “Dr. Maddox is a senior official in the department of homeland security and a national expert on emergency preparedness and we are fortunate to have him take time out of his busy schedule to join our commencement ceremony,” states Dr. Ellen Sheppard, president of Carolinas College. “Dr. Krohmer is a truly engaging speaker who will both enlighten and entertain the students and their guests.”

Jon R. Krohmer, M.D., F.A.C.E.P. is the Deputy Chief Medical Officer of the US Department of Homeland Security. Prior to that, he was an Attending Physician and Director of EMS, Emergency Medicine Residency and the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus in Grand Rapids, MI. In addition, Dr. Krohmer was an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI. He is the former EMS Medical Director of Kent County Emergency Medical Services and was the Medical Director for the West Michigan Metropolitan Medical Response System, the Kent County Medical Reserve Corps and the Michigan Region 6 Bioterrorism Preparedness Consortium. He has been active in local, regional, state and national domestic preparedness activities for many years.

Dr. Krohmer received his undergraduate degree at Ferris State College, School of Pharmacy in Big Rapids, MI and is a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor, MI. He completed his Emergency Medicine Residency at Wright State University in Dayton, OH and was Chief Resident there during 1985-1986. Dr. Krohmer also completed a Fellowship in EMS and Research at Wright State University. He currently is a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians and a Diplomat of the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Krohmer has been very active with both the American College of Emergency Physicians where he chaired the EMS Committee and the Trauma Care and Injury Control Committee as well as the Michigan College of Emergency Physicians where he was president of the organization and chaired the EMS Committee. He has been associated with the National Association of EMS Physicians since 1986, and served as president of the organization. He is a founding member of Advocates for EMS and is a past president. He is active in numerous other professional associations/organization affiliations.

Dr. Krohmer has received numerous awards and honors including the 1998 ACEP Outstanding Contribution in EMS Award, the 2000 MCEP Meritorious Service Award and the 2003 NAEMSP Ronald Stewart Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS.

Carolinas College of Health Sciences December 2007 commencement ceremony is Friday, December 14, 2007 at 7:00pm at Myers Park Baptist Church.

Carolinas College of Health Sciences is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to offer associate of applied science degrees, diplomas and certificates. Offered are programs in health care education leading to careers in nursing, surgical technology, radiologic technology, medical technology and emergency medical sciences, as well as individual classes in the sciences and liberal arts.

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