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## **American Academy of Home Care Medicine Announces New President K. Eric DeJonge, MD**

Chicago (November 11, 2017): The American Academy of Home Care Medicine (AAHCM) has elected K. Eric DeJonge, MD, to serve as president through 2019. Dr. DeJonge recently took office at the AAHCM Annual Meeting, held October 13-14, 2017, in Rosemont, IL. He has served as president-elect for the past two years.

Mindy Fain, MD, immediate past president of AAHCM, calls Dr. DeJonge “an inspirational leader and remarkable clinician who is passionate about the mission and vision of the Academy and the field of home care medicine.”



Dr. DeJonge serves as director of geriatrics at the MedStar Washington Hospital Center. He and his team have a mission to expand home-based primary care in the mid-Atlantic region and across the United States. Dr. DeJonge grew up in Chicago and attended Stanford University and Yale School of Medicine. He trained in primary care internal medicine at Johns Hopkins Bayview and completed fellowships in health policy at Georgetown and Geriatrics at Johns Hopkins. He is on faculty at Georgetown and Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. In 2005, the U.S. Congress Special Committee on Aging named the MedStar Medical House Call Program as a National Innovator in Elder Care.

Dr. DeJonge has been an active member of AAHCM for many years. In 2003, he was named National House Call Physician of the Year by AAHCM. Since 2007, he has helped the Academy’s Public Policy team implement the Independence at Home (IAH) demonstration project, a model that uses home-based primary care teams to improve health outcomes and reduce costs for Medicare patients with serious chronic illness. He has served on the AAHCM Board since 2010 and devoted his service to the Public Policy and Finance Committees. Dr. DeJonge wants to raise awareness of the value of home care medicine, grow an interdisciplinary workforce to serve all patients and families in need, and help build a solid financial foundation for the field.

### **AAHCM**

AAHCM is a professional organization serving the needs of thousands of physicians and related professionals and agencies interested in improving care of patients in the home. AAHCM delivers on the promise of interdisciplinary, high value health care in the home for all people in need by promoting the art, science and practice of home care medicine. The AAHCM membership is comprised of physicians, medical directors, nurse practitioners, physician’s assistants, registered nurses, social workers, practice administrators, and residents/students working in the field of home care medicine.