

## **BRET E. GINTHER, MD, ELECTED CHAIR OF MEDAMERICA MUTUAL**

**Walnut Creek, CA** – An outstanding career with MedAmerica Mutual Risk Retention Group, Inc. has culminated in the Board of Directors naming Bret E. Ginther M.D. as the organization's new Chair of the Board and of the Governance Committee. He has been a member of MedAmerica Mutual's Board of Directors since 2005.

Dr. Ginther, an emergency department physician, replaces Martin E. Ogle, MD, who served two consecutive terms as Chair. Going forward, Dr. Ogle plans to remain an active member of the Board and Governance Committee.

Dr. Ginther's involvement with the Mutual began in 2000 when he led the Difficult Airway Management risk management initiative and later the Vascular Disasters initiative. His subsequent leadership roles have included focused monographs, as well as several presentations at many venues.

"I am honored to serve as Chair of the Board," said Dr. Ginther. "Working with Gloria Everett, President & CEO and her outstanding management team, it is my intention to capitalize on the outstanding work of my predecessors to relentlessly pursue excellence in serving the owner-policyholders of our company."

Dr. Ginther is Board Certified in Emergency Medicine. He received a BA in Psychology in 1985, a BS in Biological Sciences in 1990 from UC Irvine, and an MD from Rush Medical College in Chicago. He returned to California to serve his residency in Emergency Medicine at UC Irvine Medical Center staying on at UC Irvine as an Assistant Clinical Professor and Assistant Residency Director for three years. In 2000, Dr. Ginther left academic medicine to become a CEP partner.

Dr. Ginther's professional associations include the American Academy of Emergency Medicine, the American College of Emergency Physicians, the Riverside County Medical Society, and the California Medical Association. Dr. Ginther served as a CalACEP board member until 2006.

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