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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: David S. Macpherson, MD, MPH Named as Chief Medical Officer for VA Healthcare – VISN 4.**

PITTSBURGH – June 25, 2007 – David S. Macpherson, MD, MPH has been appointed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the honorable R. James Nicholson, to serve as the Chief Medical Officer for VA Healthcare-VISN 4.

In this position, he will be responsible for the oversight of all medical care within VISN 4, a health care system that serves an estimated 1.5 million veterans throughout Pennsylvania and Delaware, as well as portions of West Virginia, New Jersey, Ohio and New York. VISN 4 is comprised of 10 medical centers and nearly 40 community-based outpatient clinics.

Prior to this appointment, Dr. Macpherson served as Vice President of the Primary Care Service Line and as Section Chief of General Internal Medicine for the three-division VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System since 1996. In this role Macpherson was responsible for overseeing the expansion of primary care services including the creation and growth of three facility-based primary care teams and five community-based outpatient clinics. He facilitated the expansion of health services research activities at VAPHS and helped lead educational programs for internal medicine trainees and medical students in his role as Section Chief of General Internal Medicine.

Dr. Macpherson received his medical degree from Northwestern University School of Medicine and he received his Masters in Public Health from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. He completed an Internal Medicine Residency and Fellowship in General Internal Medicine at the University of Minnesota and then began his VA career at the Minneapolis VA and moved to the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System in 1989.



Dr. Macpherson's past research interests include perioperative medical care and he is viewed as a national expert in preoperative testing. He is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh. His clinical and research interests include improving prevention and chronic disease management in primary care practices, medical consultation for surgical patients and smoking cessation.



Dr. Macpherson's national roles in VHA include the chair of both the Tobacco Advisory group and the Primary Care Field Advisory Committee. He is married to Rosanne Granieri, MD, Professor of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh and has two children, Nicholas and Maria.

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