



# MEMORANDUM

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From: Homer Townsend, Jr.  
Executive Director

Subject: Chief Medical Director for Medical Services

Date: September 18, 2009

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Kenneth (Ken) C. Parsons, M.D. has joined Paralyzed as the new Chief Medical Director for Medical Services, effective September 1, 2009.

Dr. Parsons has over 30 years of clinical experience in spinal cord injury and disease and is the founder of the Post Polio Program at Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Parsons received his medical degree from the University of Michigan and served as a Medical Officer in the United States Army Reserves. Washington.

Prior to joining PVA, Dr. Parsons has held several appointments, including serving as the Director of the Spinal Cord Injury Program for the Institute for Rehabilitation and Research in Houston, TX. Dr. Parsons also served as a Chairman for the Consortium for Spinal Cord Medicine Steering Committee from 1994-2004.

Dr. Parsons belongs to several associations and has served on several committees including serving on the Board of Directors of the American Spinal Injury Association and the American Paraplegia Society.

Dr. Parsons will report to the Director of Medical Services. He can be reached at 202-297-4373 or via email at [KenParsons@pva.org](mailto:KenParsons@pva.org).

Please join me in welcoming him to PVA. We look forward to utilizing his valuable expertise in furthering the organization's mission.