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CABANAS NAMED DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Wake County has selected Dr. Jose Cabanas as the Director/Medical Director for its nationally recognized Department of Emergency Medical Services. He will be responsible for developing patient-centered medical policies, protocols and procedures; providing medical direction on a 24-hour basis; overseeing the department's quality assurance program; and managing the overall system.

Dr. Cabanas currently serves as the Deputy Medical Director of the Travis County Emergency Medical Services System in Austin, Texas and the Texas State Department of Public Safety. There, he provides medical oversight for an urban EMS system of 2,500 providers and leads quality assurance and performance improvement efforts.

Prior to moving to Texas, Dr. Cabanas served as Wake County's Deputy Medical Director.

"It is a great honor and privilege to have the opportunity to return to Wake County," said Dr. Cabanas. "Wake County's Emergency Medical Services System is well-positioned with top-notch staff to continue serving the community through clinical innovation, operational excellence and evidence-based best practices."

Dr. Cabanas is a Fellow of the American College of Emergency Physicians and American Academy of Emergency Medicine. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Sacred Heart University, a Master's degree in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Medical degree from Ross University.

Dr. Jeff Williams will continue serving as the Interim Medical Director until Dr. Cabanas begins his role in early December. At that time, Dr. Williams will transition into a new, full-time position as Wake County's Deputy Medical Director.

For more information on Wake County Emergency Medical Services, visit wakegov.com/ems. A photo of Dr. Cabanas is available for download at wakegov.com/news.

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