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MTEC WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Charleston, SC - The Medical Technology Enterprise Consortium (MTEC) recently elected two new members to serve on the Consortium's Board of Directors. MTEC is a nonprofit whose sole mission is to assist the U.S. Army and the Department of Defense (DoD) in developing medical solutions that address the health care needs of America's Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines, especially those injured while serving their country.

MTEC is excited to welcome Dr. Pierre Noel and Dr. Ron Poropatich to the Board of Directors.

• **Dr. Pierre Noel** is Director of the Mayo Clinic's Center for Military Medicine, which coordinates military-related practice, education, and research programs across the Mayo Clinic and provides medical services and education to active-duty service members and retirees. He is currently a physician in the Mayo Clinic's Department of Internal Medicine Division of Hematology and Oncology, a Senior Visiting Fellow at the Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, a Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science, and a primary consultant in protective medicine to the White House Medical Unit.



Since 2012, Dr. Noel has served as Director of Special Operations Tactical Medicine at the Mayo Clinic, a program specializing in combat trauma and critical care. In this role, he has trained more than 700 special operations personnel in prolonged field care and tactical combat casualty care. Previously, Dr. Noel was Chief of Hematology and a Senior Clinician at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center, as well as a physician in military operations with the U.S. Air Force for more than 10 years, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Throughout his military and public service career, Dr. Noel has worked diligently to advance the health, safety, and effectiveness of the U.S. Armed Forces.

• **Dr. Ron Poropatich** currently serves as the Director of the Center for Military Medicine Research (CMMR) and as a Professor of Medicine in the Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Division at the University of Pittsburgh. Under Dr. Poropatich's leadership, the CMMR has developed a large DoD medical research portfolio and established the University of Pittsburgh as a key collaborative research partner for the DoD. Since 2012, Dr. Poropatich has also acted as the Senior Advisor on Telemedicine for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, leveraging the use of virtual health solutions for this innovative leader in health care delivery.



With more than 30 years of clinical service in the military health care system, Dr. Poropatich understands deeply the importance of quality medical care for service members and veterans. Before retiring from the U.S. Army in August 2012 with the rank of Colonel, Dr. Poropatich served in many leadership positions at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command Telemedicine and Advanced Technology Research Center. Even in retirement, Dr. Poropatich continues to serve the Nation as a board member of the VA Research Foundation for the Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Healthcare System.

Lester Martinez Lopez, MD, MPH, Major General (Retired), U.S. Army, President and Chairman of the MTEC Board congratulated the new members: "Dr. Noel and Dr. Poropatich are exceptionally accomplished leaders with a strong understanding of military medicine and the importance of healing our service members. Their perspectives will add tremendous value to our Board of Directors, and we are excited to have them as part of the MTEC leadership."

The Medical Technology Enterprise Consortium (MTEC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serves those who serve our nation. In partnership with the Department of Defense and private support, MTEC is working to prevent injuries and accelerate the development of revolutionary medical solutions that will enhance wound healing, and return the wounded to fully functioning lives. Ultimately, all citizens will benefit from these technologies and health care solutions. To find out more about MTEC, visit www.mtec-sc.org.

