

James Kolka D.O., CPE, FACEP

Dr. Kolka graduated from Michigan State University and The Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed an internship at Chicago Osteopathic Medical Centers and a residency in Emergency Medicine at Cook County Hospital in its first class. Prior to medical school Dr. Kolka was a police officer and a paramedic in Flint Michigan where he was born and raised.

Dr. Kolka has served in numerous leadership roles including as an assistant Medical Director at McLaren Regional Medical center in Flint Michigan, as Medical Director at Provena Mercy Medical Center in Aurora Illinois, and as Department Chairman. Additionally he has served on the governing board of Provena Mercy Medical Center as Chairman of the Quality Committee of the Board since 2006 as well as various other hospital and board committees. In addition he served on the quality committee of Provena Health Hospitals Corporation for several years.

Dr. Kolka was a founder, vice president, then Co-CEO of MEA Management LLC, a physician practice with over 300 providers that specialized in EM, UC and Occupational Health. In addition he was a founder and board chair of Emergency Medicine risk Retention Group (EMRRG) a medical malpractice company that provided malpractice coverage to over 1100 providers and 2 million visits per year. In addition, Dr. Kolka was a founding member and board chair of a large regional critical care transportation company providing critical care ground, fixed and rotary wing transport for critically ill patients. In addition he provided medical control for the company.

Dr. Kolka is currently Board Chair of EDPMA (Emergency Department Practice Management Association) the trade group representing Emergency Medicine and is on the Board of Governors of The Emergency Medicine Action Fund, a coalition of stakeholder lobbying on EM issues. He is employed by TeamHealth as a VP for business development and mergers and acquisitions. He currently serves on the Tenet Westlake/West Suburban Hospital combined boards.