

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 served in numerous leadership roles including Assistant Medical Director at McLaren Regional Medical Center in Flint, Michigan and as Medical Director at Provena Mercy Medical Center in Aurora, Illinois, as well as a 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. He also 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 1,100 providers and 2 million visits per year. He was 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, and provided medical control for the company.

Dr. Kolka is past 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 was employed by TeamHealth as a Vice President for business development and mergers and acquisitions. He has served on the Tenet Westlake/West Suburban Hospital combined boards as well.

Dr. Kolka is currently the Chief Medical Officer of Baptist Health Madisonville, an acute care hospital within the Baptist Health System, the largest healthcare system in Kentucky.