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INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION:

**Past President, Wilderness Medical Society,
Salt Lake City, Utah (2000-2001)**
**Medical Director, Community Health Services, St Mary Medical Center,
Hobart, Indiana**
Chairman, Department of Family Practice, St Mary Medical Center, Hobart, Indiana
**National Medical Advisor and Member, Risk Management Committee, Student
Conservation Association, Charleston, New Hampshire**
**Board Member and member of the Medical Advisory Board,
International Association for Medical Assistance
to Travelers, Toronto, Canada.**
**Volunteer Associate Clinical Professor of Family Medicine, Indiana
University School of Medicine, Northwest Indiana.**
**National Medical Counselor, Outdoor Writers of America,
Missoula, Montana (appointed 2004)**
**Member of the National Health and Safety Support Committee,
National Board, Boy Scouts of America. (appointed 1997)
Irving, Texas**
**Wilderness First Aid Task Force Chairman, 2009-present, Boy Scouts of America
National Health and Safety Support Committee, Irving, Texas**
**Immunization Task Force Chairman, 2008, Boy Scout of America,
National Health and Safety Support Committee, Irving, Texas**
Chairman, Advisory Committee, Medical Student Missions, Inc., Merrillville, Indiana
Medical Director, Community Health, St Mary Medical Center, Hobart, Indiana
Utilization Chairman, St Mary Medical Center, Hobart, Indiana
Division Chief 2002 and 2004, Division of Family Practice.
The Methodist Hospitals, Gary and Merrillville, Indiana
Past President of the Medical Staff (1992), St Mary
Mercy Medical Center at Gary and Hobart, Indiana.
Former Medical Director, Lake County Juvenile Detention Center, 1978-1987
Former Medical Advisor, Ekherd Family Youth Alternatives
Active Member, American Medical Writers Association.
Active Member, Outdoor Writers Association of America.
Fellow, Explorer's Club, New York City
Life Member, Wilderness Medical Society
Member, International Society of Travel Medicine
Member Indiana State Medical Association
Member, American Institute for Healthcare Quality
Member, American Jail Association
Member, American Correctional Association
Member, Academy of Correctional Health Professionals

AWARDS: Wilderness Medical Society Education Award 1997, Founders' Award 2004

Indiana University School of Medicine AΩA Volunteer Faculty of the Year 2000
Wilderness Education Association Paul Petzoldt Award 2005
National Jamboree Boy Scout of America Honoree, 2005
Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal, US Army, RVN service, awarded 1968
Outdoorsman of the Year, Gary Post-Tribune, 1982

EDUCATION:

Indiana University (Bloomington), AB, 1964
Indiana University (Indianapolis), MD, 1975

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: A member of the Board of Trustees of the International Association for Medical Assistance to Travelers (IAMAT), Dr Forgey is a Fellow of the Explorer's Club, a lecturer on medical care in high risk recreation at several universities, and a leader of many expeditions into Northern Canada, both summer and winter. A former Captain, Infantry, in the US Army, he had over 30 months active duty in Vietnam prior to leaving the service and attending medical school at Indiana University. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal for his service in Vietnam. He worked 6 years full time as an Emergency Room physician and Director of the Ross Clinic Emergency Services in Merrillville, Indiana, before starting his practice of family medicine. Dr Forgey has served as a Scoutmaster for three BSA troops and as a Medical Explorer Post and High Adventure Explorer Post Advisor. He completed his BSA Woodbadge training in 1969. He currently serves on the National Health and Safety Committee of the Boy Scouts of America and as an Advisory Board Member for the Northern Tier High Adventure Base for the Boy Scouts of America. He is the national consultant for the Student Conservation Association and many other nonprofit organizations. He was named as one of America's 20 greatest living explorers by the Explorers Club in New York City and, as such, had a sub-camp named for him at the National Boy Scout Jamboree in 2005.

He is the author of *Wilderness Medicine* (1979, 2d Ed 1983, 3rd Ed 1987, 4th Ed 1994, 5th Ed 2000, 6th Edition to be published in 2012), *Hypothermia* (1985), *Campfire Stories* (1985, 2nd Ed 2011), *Basic Essentials of Outdoor First Aid* (1989), *Basic Essentials of Wilderness First Aid* (1999, 2nd Ed 2007), *Basic Illustrated Wilderness First Aid* (2008), *Campfire Tales* (1989, 2nd Ed 1999, 3rd Ed 2011), *The Travelers' Medical Resource* (1990), *The Travelers' Self Care Manual* (1990), and *Basic Essentials of Hypothermia* (1991, 2nd Ed 1999), *The Wilderness Medical Society's Practice Guidelines for Pre-hospital Care* (editor, 3rd Ed 1995, 4th Ed 2001, 5th Ed 2006), *The Doctor's Little Book of Wisdom*, (1995), *Campfire Stories, Vol III* (1995), *Wilderness First Aid* (1996, 2nd Ed 2003), and *The Dieter's Little Book of Wisdom* (1996). Dr. Forgey contributed to the current edition of the *Field Book*, 3rd Ed (1984), and the current edition of the *Boy Scout Handbook*, 12th Ed, 2010, published by the Boy Scouts of America, *The Wilderness Educator* (1991), a text book for outdoor educators, and *Fishing First Aid* (2002), and to *Expedition Medicine* (2008) from Cambridge University Press.

Dr Forgey is engaged in the full time practice of family medicine in Merrillville, Indiana. He is a consultant for many outdoor programs, camps, and expeditions. He provides travel and international medical consultation to patients and organizations world-wide. He consults on legal cases concerning outdoor injury and death and has provided expert witness for both plaintiff and defendants. Clients have included the law enforcement agencies and major volunteer organizations. He is currently the Quality Review Manager for the County Commissioners of Lake County, Indiana, for the Lake County Jail Department of Justice Special Agreement settlement.