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Preventing Skin Diseases in Athletics Position Statement National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Press Conference

Steven M. Zinder, PhD, ATC, is the chair of the position statement writing group and assistant professor of exercise and sport science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he teaches athletic training classes for the entry-level athletic training education program. He also conducts and publishes research and pursues scholarly activities in his areas of expertise, which includes procurement of external funding. Prior to arriving at UNC, Zinder was assistant professor of athletic training at the California State University in Fullerton and assistant professor of sports medicine and athletic training at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Jack Foley, ATC, is assistant athletic director and director of sports medicine at Lehigh University and is a writing group member. He was formerly the team athletic trainer for the New York Athletic Club at the Olympic wrestling trials in 2004 and served on the medical staff for the Olympic Soccer games in 1996. In 2009 Foley received the prestigious "Tradition of Excellence Award" given by Lehigh University President Alice P. Gast in recognition of his exceptional contributions to the university. He is a co-author and consultant for the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook section on skin infections, as well as co-author of the NCAA Wrestling Guidelines for Disposition of Skin Infections.

David B. Vasily, MD, FAAD, is team dermatologist at Lehigh University, president of Lehigh Valley Dermatology Associates, Ltd., and director of Aesthetica Cosmetic and Laser Surgery Center, P.C. He also serves as a consultant at St. Luke's Hospital, in Bethlehem, Pa., and is a writing group member. Vasily has received many awards and honors and has been widely published in medical journals including the Archives of Dermatology, the Journal of Dermatologic Surgery and Oncology, and the Journal of the American Medical Association. He is a co-author and consultant for the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook section on skin infections, as well as co-author of the NCAA Wrestling Guidelines for Disposition of Skin Infections.

James J. Leyden, MD, FAAD, is emeritus professor of dermatology, department of dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and position statement external reviewer. He has been involved in clinical research and care of patients at the University of Pennsylvania for more than 30 years. Leyden has served on numerous editorial boards, was a director of the American Academy of Dermatology and chairman of the board of the Dermatology Foundation. He presently serves on the board of the Dermatology Foundation. He has been published in more than 300 publications, numerous chapters and several books.

Mike Moyer is the executive director of the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA), a nonprofit organization founded in 1928 in Manheim, Pa. The organization focuses on coaching development, student athlete welfare (e.g., skin infection prevention) and promoting the sport of wrestling. The NWCA has helped to establish 69 new intercollegiate wrestling programs over the past decade. Moyer also serves on the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and USA Wrestling board of directors. Prior to his work with NWCA, Moyer was executive director of the Patriot Club at George Mason University and was also chairman of the NCAA Wrestling Committee from 1997 to 1999.

Kyle Frey, 21, is a junior and wrestler at Drexel University in Philadelphia. When he took to the wrestling mat in mid-January 2010 to compete at George Mason University, he had no idea that his life was about to be turned upside down. What started as a small "pimple" on his left bicep, that he tried to scratch off thinking it an ingrown hair, grew to the size of a quarter. He still competed over the weekend and by that Sunday morning it grew to the size of his bicep and even the touching of his shirt to his skin caused him pain. On Monday he approached his athletic trainer who immediately knew the infection needed medical attention and sent him to the emergency room at the University of Pennsylvania. Frey's skin was lanced and drained and two days later his condition was diagnosed as MRSA. He was subsequently treated at Hahnemann University Hospital where he remained for five days. He was quarantined and given antibiotics which he was initially resistant to. He was then given a different set of antibiotics and had his arm surgically cleaned to control infection. He remained on these drugs and his arm was stitched and bandaged so he could return to play. His athletic trainer, coach and mom monitored his return and ensured his own safety and that of the team.

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