



Steven J. Stack, MD

President-Elect
American Medical Association

Steven J. Stack, MD, an emergency physician residing in Lexington, Ky., was elected president-elect of the American Medical Association (AMA) in June 2014. Board-certified in emergency medicine, Dr. Stack currently practices in Lexington and surrounding central Kentucky.

Dr. Stack has served as medical director of multiple emergency departments, including St. Joseph East (Lexington), St. Joseph Mt. Sterling (rural eastern Kentucky) and Baptist Memorial Hospital (Memphis, Tenn.). He is the first emergency medicine board-certified physician to serve on the AMA-BOT.

Dr. Stack has special expertise in health information technology (IT) and was chair of the AMA's Health Information Technology Advisory Group from 2007 to 2013. He has also served on multiple federal advisory groups for the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC), including the Information Exchange, PCAST Report, and Strategic Plan workgroups. A member of its board of directors since 2011, Dr. Stack is currently the secretary of eHealth Initiative, a non-profit association committed to improving health care through the advancement of health IT.

Additionally, Dr. Stack has made notable contributions to the areas of physician licensure, regulation and assessment. He has served as chair of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) Maintenance of Licensure (MOL) Implementation Group and as a member of its predecessor, the MOL Advisory Group. Presently, he serves as a member of the FSMB Special Committee on Strategic Positioning, a role similar to his prior service on FSMB's 2008–2009 Strategic Repositioning Task Force.

For more than 18 years Dr. Stack has demonstrated his professional commitment as an elected leader within numerous specialty and geographic medical professional associations at both the national and state level in Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. During his AMA-BOT tenure he has served as chair of the Compensation Committee, the Communications Strategies Committee, and the Awards and Nominations Committee.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Dr. Stack graduated magna cum laude from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., where he was a Henry Bean Scholar for classical studies. He then returned to Ohio, where he completed his medical school and emergency medicine residency training at the Ohio State University before moving to Memphis to begin his clinical practice. In June 2006 Dr. Stack and his family relocated to Lexington to be closer to their families in Ohio.

Dr. Stack is married and the proud father of a 10-year-old daughter. His wife, Tracie, is a practicing board-certified pediatric allergist and fellow AMA member. In his leisure time, Dr. Stack enjoys the study of classical Greek and Roman as well as United States presidential history, and traveling with his wife and daughter.

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