

Stephen R. Permut, MD, JD, a family physician from Wilmington, Del., Dr. Permut chaired Delaware's Delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA), served on the AMA Council on Legislation for eight years, including serving as chair during his final year. While on the council, Dr. Permut served on the AMA-BOT Task Force on Patient Safety, Quality and Information Technology, and as vice chair of the AMA's Evaluation and Management Coding Guidelines Task Force and ultimately served on the AMA Board of Trustees (2010-2018). In 2017 he was elected Board Chair of the AMA. Dr. Permut also served as a Commissioner for the Joint Commission – the nationwide accrediting body for hospitals.

Dr. Permut received his bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. He began medical school at the Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara, Mexico, and completed his MD degree at Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia. Dr. Permut completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis. Later, while in practice, Dr. Permut received a JD from Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, Del. Board-certified in internal medicine, family medicine and legal medicine, Dr. Permut has been awarded fellowships by the American College of Physicians (ACP), the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American College of Legal Medicine, and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. He is a recipient of the Laureate Award from the Delaware chapter of the ACP.

Dr. Permut has practiced in a variety of settings—solo, private practice; small single-specialty, group practice; and multi-specialty academic, group practice—and always in underserved inner-city communities. He has also served in a variety of administrative positions, including: (founding) director, family medicine residency program; medical director, managed care organization; and vice president, medical affairs for a community hospital.

Dr. Permut and his wife, Marylene, have two daughters and four grandchildren.