

Council on Medical Education (vote for four)

Sharon P. Douglas, MD



The Southeastern delegation, the Mississippi delegation, the American College of Physicians, the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the AMA Young Physicians Section, and the AMA Academic Physicians Section enthusiastically endorse Sharon P. Douglas, MD, as a candidate for the AMA Council on Medical Education. Dr. Douglas is uniquely qualified given her many years of education leadership and her commitment to the AMA. She will work passionately to improve physician education at all stages of medical education.

Dr. Douglas is associate dean for VA education and professor of medicine at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. She serves as associate chief of staff for education and ethics at the VA Medical Center in Jackson, Miss., where she treats veterans as a board-certified pulmonologist. She is actively involved in medical education at the medical student, resident, and fellowship levels. She has been awarded several teaching awards including the Alpha Omega Alpha Teacher of the Year Award in 2010 and is in the Teaching Hall of Fame at the medical school. She is currently on the Council of Deans, the Graduate Medical Education Committee, and the Curriculum Committee. She has served on the Students Awards Committee and the Admissions Committee at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine as well. She previously served on a USMLE Step 1 question writing committee for four years.

Dr. Douglas has leadership experience in the AMA. She has previously been chair of the Mississippi delegation and has been a member of the Southeastern delegation's executive committee. She currently serves on the Governing Council of the Academic Physicians Section. Dr. Douglas previously served on the Liaison Committee on Medical Education Council as a representative from the AMA, chairing that council in her last year of service. She also served on the AMA Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs, including serving as chair. She has demonstrated an organized, efficient leadership style in her work with the AMA as well as in her work representing the AMA.

Dr. Douglas' background in teaching and medical education administration along with her proven leadership within the AMA make her an exceptionally qualified candidate for membership on the AMA Council on Medical Education. Her passion for education and ethics are the cornerstones of her work as a physician, teacher, education administrator, and AMA leader.

Personal statement:

"I am passionate about medical education across the continuum of medicine, from medical school and postgraduate medical education, and through the work of the private practice, employed, academic, and/or administrative physician. Whether one is a medical student, resident/fellow, or M36 physician like I am, ongoing medical education at every level of medicine is critical to the care of our patients and the communities that we serve. Therefore, medical education across the continuum of learning should be tailored to fit the needs of the patients and community that the individual physician serves—it should be clinically relevant, efficient, and directed toward what we practice, where we practice."