

### Sherri Baker, MD



*As a longtime softball player and team captain, I have had hard losses and heartwarming wins. I have learned many lessons—especially how to both win and lose with dignity and pride and the value of a team. I want to transfer these values and lessons to service on the AMA's Council on Medical Education.*

But athletics are not Sherri Baker's only passion. Sherri practices as a pediatric cardiologist at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and is a long-time AMA member and advocate. She has extensive experience in medical education and brings lessons from all these areas to service on the AMA Council on Medical Education.

Through undergraduate training at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, her pediatric residency in Hawaii and her fellowship in pediatric cardiology at Duke, Dr. Baker was involved in advocacy through medical associations at the county, state and national level. After her training, she returned home to practice pediatric cardiology at her alma mater.

Her involvement in organized medicine continued after her return to Oklahoma with her election to the Oklahoma delegation to the AMA. She has served at all levels in the Oklahoma State Medical Association including as speaker and president. Providing health care to all Oklahomans has been an issue for her rural state and she is a leader in addressing the physician shortage through educational and practice initiatives.

Dr. Baker maintains a busy clinical practice and has served as dean for admissions for 14 years. She has led a team that revised the school's admissions process to a quantitative, evidence-based system. At the GME level, she is involved in teaching and mentorship. Two years ago, she completed her recertification and thus is very familiar with issues surrounding CME and MOC.

Through the different stages of her training and career, she has developed an understanding and appreciation for the way that different practice environments and cultures impact how we individually practice medicine. She strongly believes these practice experiences must transfer to educational experiences in order to make us a stronger profession that is best aligned to serve all our patients. Now, Dr. Baker would like to use her years of experience in daily practice and various levels of medical education and advocacy to support the work of the AMA Council on Medical Education.

The Oklahoma State Medical Association, Oklahoma County Medical Society, Oklahoma Rural Physician Section and Tulsa Medical Society are joined by the Southeastern Delegation to the AMA, American Academy of Pediatrics, Cardiovascular Section Council, American Society of Anesthesiologists, AMA Young Physicians Section and Heart of America in asking for your vote to elect Sherri Baker, MD, to the AMA Council on Medical Education.

#### **Personal statement**

*"In medicine, there is the honor of taking care of a patient. In medical education, there is the honor of influencing the care of patients for current and future generations."*