

Joseph Costabile, MD



The Medical Society of New Jersey (MSNJ) and the Southeast Delegation are proud to nominate Capt. Joseph P. Costabile, MD, for election to the AMA Council on Medical Service. He is a graduate of Rutgers Medical School, board certified in general surgery and a captain in the U.S. Navy assigned to the 4th Medical Battalion. He served multiple tours in the Middle East.

Dr. Costabile is a true advocate for his patients and the medical profession. Joe is an engaging thought leader, innovator and accomplished surgeon. His affable approach contributed to his rise through the ranks at MSNJ becoming the organization's 224th president in 2016. He is a vital member of the NJ delegation, having served in the AMA HOD for over 15 years.

Dr. Costabile served as president of the NJ Vascular Society, is a fellow of the New Jersey Healthcare Executive Leadership Academy, and a leader at his Cherry Hill, NJ, surgical group. His service to his patients, affection for his colleagues and his commitment to organized medicine make him a great choice to serve the AMA.

Joe is a major donor to both AMPAC and MEDAC (New Jersey) and the AMA Foundation.

Dr. Costabile will apply his considerable expertise and talents to improving the practice environment for America's physicians and their patients. His unique experience in private practice, hospital-employment and military health care makes him an ideal choice for the council.

Personal statement:

"My desire to serve on the Council on Medical Service derives from my experience at the front lines of patient care. I was instrumental in forming and leading a large, premier general and vascular surgical group in NJ. After nearly ten years in private practice, our surgical group elected to join Virtua Health, a large South Jersey Health System. I practiced in the hospital setting for eight years but became frustrated by restricted autonomy and burdens delivering patient care. In 2018, I led the two-year effort to terminate our hospital contract and return our group to private practice.

"In sum, I went from private practice, to employment, and back to private practice, while continuing to care for servicemen and women. My perspective on medical services—delivered to patients in each of these settings—allows me to understand the benefits and challenges every medical practice setting provides for our fellow physicians and the patients they serve. Whether solving burdens of prior authorizations, irrelevant quality reporting requirements, or insurance company abuses I am up to the challenge of supporting the Council's mission to maintain a pluralistic health system for every practice, no matter the setting, to thrive and deliver quality, patient-centered care.

"I am blessed to have the support of my wife Yolanda and my family in my work for patients and organized medicine. I believe it is vital for physicians to take care of themselves and do what they love in order to rest and recharge. When I am not working, I can be found tooling around Montauk, NY, or on a fishing boat somewhere nearby."