

Board of Advisors



James C. Cain, M.D.

Dr. Cain presently serves as Senior Consultant in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology at the Mayo Clinic. He is a 1937 graduate of the University of Texas Medical School. His current memberships include The National Advisory Committee to Health Manpower Commission; American Medical Association; American Public Health Association; Civilian Consultant to the Surgeon General; Vice-Chairman, Council on National Security, A.M.A., and Vice President of the Minnesota State Board of Medical Examiners. He is an active member in various civic capacities.

Acceptance

... I would be greatly honored to be on your Board of Advisors. You have a very distinguished group of advisors and it would be nice to have my name associated with theirs. I am very interested in your organization, as you know, and in the things that you are trying to accomplish... The main thing is, we want the Association to really flourish.



Joseph Hamburg, M.D.

Dr. Hamburg is a graduate of the Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1951. His past professional activities include Associate Director of the Family Practice Program at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, 1963-66; and Director of Employee Health Service at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, 1965-69. Currently he is Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions, Associate Professor of Medicine and Community Medicine at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. His profession-related activities include Advisory Council,

Health Careers in Kentucky; Board of Trustees, American Society of Medical Technologists Education and Research Fund, Inc.; and the Executive Committee, Kentucky Hospital Research and Education Foundation. He is a member of the American Academy of General Practice, the American Medical Association and the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions.

Acceptance

I appreciate the opportunity to be a member of the Board of Advisors of the American Association of Physicians' Associates. I hope that I may be able to add constructively to the legitimate goals and purposes of your Association.



Nathan Hershey

Nathan Hershey, a member of the Bars of the District of Columbia and New York, received his LL.B. degree from Harvard Law School in 1953. He is presently Research Professor of Health Law, Graduate School of Public Health, and Research Professor of Law, School of Law, at the University of Pittsburgh. He is also the Director of the Health Training Program. He is a member of the American Bar Association and American Public Health Association. His activities include being a member of the Executive Committee of the Subcommittee on Public Health Law, American Public Health Association; Special Committee on Law and Medicine, Association of American Law Schools; board member, Society of Hospital Attorneys of the American Hospital Association; and the Committee on Legal Issues in Health Care (based at Duke University School of Law).

Acceptance

I was pleased to receive your invitation to serve as a member of the Board of Advisors to the American Association of Physicians' Assistants.

... My philosophy or, more accurately, my approach, is non-ideologic and pragmatic. I do not agree in some particulars with some advocates of the physician's assistant approach as a way of meeting the physician shortage, and I agree with critics of physician's assistants on a few specific points. However, I believe that no solution to any problem is perfect, and that we should strive to obtain the maximum benefit from a variety of methods of manpower development and utilization to fill our medical needs. In this regard I think I speak as a consumer of service who couldn't care less about the vested professional and organizational interests that might have to yield as physician's assistants become employed more widely.



D. Robert Howard, M.D.

Dr. Howard is presently Assistant Professor of Community Health Sciences, Duke University School of Medicine. He is a 1962 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Medical School. His professional memberships include the American Medical Association; American Academy of General Practice; Diplomate, American Academy of Family Practice, 1970; and Consultant Advisor for the Committee on Emerging Health Manpower of the Council on Health Manpower of the American Medical Association. He is currently Chief, Division of Manpower Training, Department of Community Health Sciences, Duke University, and Director, Physician's Associate Program, Duke University School of Medicine.

Acceptance

Thank you very much for...inviting me to serve on the Board of Advisors for the American Association of Physicians' Associates. I consider it an honor that your organization has extended this invitation to me and I am pleased to accept.



Amos N. Johnson, M.D.

After completing two years of Medicine at the University of North Carolina, Dr. Johnson received his M.D. degree in 1933 from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the American Medical Association and serves on the Ad Hoc Committee to Study Training for Family Practice. His numerous past and present services include Chairman of the Committee on Health Services, American Academy of General Practice, 1966-68; President of the American Academy of General Practice, 1965-66; various state and county activities; current Advisor to U.S.P.H.S. Department of Health Services; Medical Advisor to the Appalachian Regional Commission; and a member of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Family Practice. He has his private practice in Garland, North Carolina.

Acceptance

I have accepted membership on the Board of Advisors for the American Association of Physicians' Associates with a great deal of pleasure since the...Physicians' Assistant has been a long time dream and reality for me. The prototype of the present day Physician's Assistant is still in my employ, having worked with me for over thirty years. Both the Physicians' Associate program at Duke University Medical School and the MEDEX program of the University of Washington were conceived from and based on the function of my Assistant as a member of my "health team." Of course, those graduates of the program at Duke and, to a lesser degree, the MEDEX program at Washington, are trained in a more sophisticated manner, since my Assistant has been trained solely by me for my needs in a rural community of North Carolina. It has been my opinion for many years that the Physician's Assistant is a necessary adjunct to the busy and often overworked physician whether he is in a group practice or in a solo practice since he will save the physician some four to six man hours a day, thereby allowing him to see 30 to 40% more patients. To me, this is a realistic way in which to attack the doctor shortage.



Eugene A. Stead, M.D.

Dr. Stead received his M.D. degree from Emory University in 1932. He is currently the Florence McAlister Professor of Medicine, Duke University Medical Center. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Teacher Award, American College of Physicians, 1969, and the Robert H. Williams Award, Association of Professors of Medicine, 1970. His numerous professional activities include membership, Council of Association of American Physicians; American College of Physicians; American Medical Association, with service on many committees; and the American Heart Association.

Acceptance

I am pleased to have the opportunity to serve as a member of the Board of Advisors for the American Association of Physicians' Associates.



J. M. Stickney, M.D.

Dr. Stickney received his M.D. degree from the University of Chicago, Rush Medical School, in 1934; he then took an M.S. in Medicine at the University of Minnesota through 1939. Except for a year of private practice, he has been associated with the Mayo Clinic since 1935 and is currently a Clinical Professor in the Mayo Graduate School and a Senior Consultant in Internal Medicine and Hematology. He is presently a delegate from Minnesota to the American Medical Association; Vice Chairman of the Mayo Foundation; Board of Governors, Mayo Clinic; member of the American College of Physicians and the International Society of Hematology.

Acceptance

I was honored when...asked...to be a member of the Board of Advisors for the American Association of Physicians' Associates and I am pleased to accept this position.

I believe that this association's concept of the physicians' assistants as an assistant to the physician in the practice of medicine rather than an independent practitioner in a defined segment of medical care is sound. In many states there are efforts to define the duties which can be delegated by the physician within his right to practice medicine. Some allied health workers who are recognized by license or certificate are insisting that certain privileges be reserved for them. I do not believe that the physician's assistant is a threat to any of these valuable people since I envisioned him as an extension of the physician in a world which needs more medical manpower.

It will be a privilege to serve the American Association of Physicians' Assistants as best I can.

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