

DAVID O. BARBE, MD, MHA

David O. Barbe, MD, MHA, a board-certified family physician from Mountain Grove, Missouri, USA, was the 172nd president of the American Medical Association (AMA) from June 2017 to June 2018. He was a member of the AMA Board of Trustees (BOT) from 2009-2019. He served as chair of the AMA-BOT from 2013–2014, and as a member of its Executive Committee from 2011–2015 and 2016-2019.

Prior to his election to the AMA-BOT, Dr. Barbe served on the AMA Council on Medical Service from 2003-2009 including chair of the Council 2008-2009. As chair of the Council, Dr. Barbe participated in the development of much of the AMA's policy related to coverage of the uninsured, health care system reform, Medicare reform and health insurance market reform.

Dr. Barbe was a member of the World Medical Association Council from 2016-2019, and represents the AMA at international medical meetings. He has presented on behalf of the AMA and WMA at meetings in Taiwan, China, Iceland, Israel and Japan on topics ranging from medical education and augmented intelligence to shaping the future of the physician practice environment and expanding universal health coverage. Dr. Barbe was also the presiding AMA officer at the AMA-hosted WMA General Assembly in Chicago in 2017.

Dr. Barbe received his bachelor's degree with honors in microbiology and his medical doctorate from the University of Missouri–Columbia School of Medicine. He completed his residency in family medicine at the University of Kansas affiliated program in Wichita, Kansas. He also