



Andrew W. Gurman, MD

Vice Speaker, House of Delegates
American Medical Association

Andrew W. Gurman, MD, an orthopaedic hand surgeon from Altoona, Pa., was re-elected vice speaker of the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates in June 2008. He is a delegate from Pennsylvania and has been a member of the Pennsylvania delegation for 16 years.

Dr. Gurman currently serves on both the AMA Board of Trustees (BOT) Audit and the AMA-BOT Awards and Nominations committees, as well as on the AMA Task Force on Quality, Safety and Electronic Health Records. He also serves as board liaison to the Advisory Committee on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues and serves as an AMA-BOT representative on the AMA Foundation board of directors.

Dr. Gurman previously served as the speaker and vice speaker of the House of Delegates of the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PMS), and was also a member of its board of trustees and executive board. He has presided over reorganization of the PMS House of Delegates meeting and streamlined the business of its House.

Dr. Gurman twice served as chairman of PAMPAC, the political action committee of the PMS. He has served on the PMS council on governmental relations (legislation) and has served on the council on legislation of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand.

A native of New York City, Dr. Gurman grew up in Mount Vernon, N.Y. He attended Syracuse University and received his MD degree from the State University of New York

Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, in 1980. He served his surgical internship and orthopaedic residency at the Montefiore Hospital/Albert Einstein Hospitals in the Bronx, N.Y., and completed his fellowship in hand surgery at the Hospital for Joint Diseases Orthopaedic Institute in New York City.

Dr. Gurman is now in private practice in Altoona. Starting as a solo practitioner, he led his group to become a multi-specialty musculoskeletal organization. He has served as chair of the Altoona Hospital bylaws committee and orthopaedic surgery peer review committee, as well as chief of the orthopaedic service.

Dr. Gurman is a past president of the Blair County Medical Society. He has served as professional chair for the United Way campaign, and he has also been a member of the board of trustees of the Altoona Symphony Orchestra.

Dr. Gurman resides in Hollidaysburg, Pa., with his wife, Nancy. They have two grown children.

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