



Jeremy A. Lazarus, MD

Speaker, House of Delegates
American Medical Association

Jeremy A. Lazarus, MD, a board-certified psychiatrist in private practice in Denver, was re-elected speaker of the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates in June 2008, after having served as vice speaker from 2003 to 2007. He is a past president of the Colorado Medical Society, Colorado Psychiatric Society and the Arapahoe County Medical Society.

Dr. Lazarus currently serves as chair of the AMA Board of Trustees (BOT) Task Force on Quality, Safety and Electronic Health Records and as a member of the AMA-BOT Executive, Membership and Compensation committees. Representing the AMA on the Health Coverage Coalition for the Uninsured and the Ride for World Health, he has been one of the AMA's chief spokespersons on the uninsured. Dr. Lazarus is also honorary co-chair of the AMA Foundation Development Committee.

Previously, Dr. Lazarus served as speaker of the assembly and is a distinguished fellow of the American Psychiatric Association (APA). He is the author of numerous publications on ethics, economics and managed care issues. His newest book is *Entering Private Practice: A Handbook for Psychiatrists*.

Born in Chicago, Dr. Lazarus attended Northwestern University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He received a medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine and was recognized with honors in psychiatry. Following a mixed medical internship

at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, he became chief resident and teaching fellow at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center (UCHSC) in Denver. He is a clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine and a voluntary associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Miami Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine.

Personal accomplishments include being a 13-time Ironman Triathlon finisher, 13-time marathon finisher, and a professional musician and singer.

Dr. Lazarus received the Colorado Psychiatric Society Outstanding Achievement Award in 2008, was awarded a Special Presidential Commendation by the APA in 2003 and received the 2004 APA Assembly Warren Williams award. In 2005 he received a teaching award from the UCHSC Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Lazarus and his wife, Debbie are the proud parents of three sons and have six very special grandchildren.

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