



Cyril M. Hetsko, MD

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Cyril M. “Kim” Hetsko, MD, an internist from Madison, Wis., with subspecialty interests in infectious disease and laboratory medicine, has been a member of the American Medical Association (AMA) Board of Trustees (BOT) since 2003. He was elected to a second term in 2007. A clinical professor of medicine at the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Hetsko is also the chief medical officer for COLA in Columbia, Md.

As an AMA-BOT member, Dr. Hetsko serves as board liaison to the AMA-convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement® and as past chair of the AMA Task Force on Quality, Safety and Electronic Health Records. He was an elected member and then chair of the AMA Council on Medical Service from 1995 to 2003. From 1982 to 2003, he was a member and then chair of the Wisconsin delegation to the AMA House of Delegates.

Dr. Hetsko served on the U.S. Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (2002–2005) and continues to serve on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention panels from time to time. He also serves as AMA board liaison to the Institute for Healthcare Improvement.

From 1998 to 2004, Dr. Hetsko served as regent and then treasurer of the American College of Physicians (ACP). He served as a trustee and then treasurer of the American Society of Internal Medicine (1991–1998) and helped lead its successful merger with the ACP.

Among his other leadership positions, Dr. Hetsko is past president of the Wisconsin Medical Society and past president of the Wisconsin Society of Internal Medicine. He received the Wisconsin ACP Laureate Award in 2005, and the Wisconsin Medical Society’s highest honor, the Directors Award, in 2007.

For three decades, Dr. Hetsko was in private practice with a large multi-specialty clinic at the Dean Medical Center in Madison and was a founder of its highly successful, physician-owned HMO. A pioneer in health delivery systems, he was chair in the late 1970s of the Dane County Health Plan, which insured 77,000 people and was a precursor of what became known as a “PPO.”

Dr. Hetsko has given many lectures nationally and abroad on a wide range of scientific topics including health care reform, quality measures and bioterrorism.

Born in Montclair, N.J., he received his bachelor’s degree from Amherst College in Amherst, Mass., and his doctorate from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in Rochester, N.Y. He completed his residency and was chief resident of the University of Wisconsin Hospitals in Madison.

Dr. Hetsko served in the U.S. Army from 1972 to 1975 as a research internist at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Md. He is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

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