



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 elected speaker of the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates in June 2007, after serving as vice speaker since 2003. He is a past president of the Colorado Medical Society.

Dr. Lazarus currently serves as chair of the AMA Board of Trustees (BOT) Task Force on Quality, Safety and Electronic Health Records, as a member of the AMA-BOT Executive, Audit and Compensation committees, and as a board liaison to the Council on Long Range Planning and Development. Representing the AMA on the Health Coverage Coalition for the Uninsured and Ride for World Health, he has been the AMA's chief spokesperson on the uninsured. Dr. Lazarus is also chair of the AMA Foundation "Uniting for the Future of Medicine" Campaign Steering Committee.

Previously, Dr. Lazarus served as speaker of the assembly of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and is a distinguished fellow with the 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, where he 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 UCHSC and 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 Spokesperson of the Year award, was awarded a Special Presidential Commendation by APA and received the 2004 APA Assembly Warren Williams award. In 2005 he received a teaching award from the Department of Psychiatry, UCHSC. Dr. Lazarus and his wife, Debbie, who is a director of the AMA Alliance, are the proud parents of three sons and have six very special grandchildren.

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