

## **AMA Medical Education Senior Staff**

**Susan E. Skochelak, MD, MPH**  
**Group vice president, Medical Education**  
**American Medical Association**

Susan Skochelak, MD, MPH, serves as the group vice president for Medical Education at the American Medical Association. The office of the group vice president includes the divisions of undergraduate, graduate and continuing professional education; the staff support for AMA Council on Medical Education and the AMA Section on Medical Schools; and the AMA Center to Transform Medical Education. Dr. Skochelak's accomplishments since joining the AMA include:

- Leading the AMA strategic initiative "Accelerating change in medical education," which supports medical schools through funding innovations in medical education to align physician training and education with the future needs of our health care system
- Creating the AMA Center to Transform Medical Education to develop innovative strategies for physician education across the continuum of training and to provide ongoing implementation for the AMA's "Initiative to Transform Medical Education"
- Leading planning for five national invitational conferences on the topics of medical school admissions, medical student mistreatment, new methods for financing graduate medical education, physician reentry to practice and the jointly sponsored AMA/AAMC New Horizons in Medical Education Flexner centennial conference, resulting in publications with specific recommendations for action in these important areas
- Establishing an AMA-sponsored international medical school research consortium that is examining the effect of the learning environment on medical student education across 28 medical schools and includes more than 4,500 enrolled student subjects

Prior to joining the AMA in 2009, Dr. Skochelak served as the senior associate dean for academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, where she was a tenured professor of family medicine. A nationally recognized authority in medical education, Dr. Skochelak pioneered new models for community-based and interdisciplinary medical education. She served as the director of the Wisconsin Area Health Education Center system and as a member of the Wisconsin Governor's Rural Health Development Council. She initiated new programs in rural, urban and global health, and led the development of a new master of public health degree.

Dr. Skochelak graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School and trained in family and preventive medicine at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. While at Chapel Hill, she completed a fellowship as a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and obtained an MPH in epidemiology. Dr. Skochelak is actively involved in medical education research and has been the principal investigator for more than \$18 million in grant awards from the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and private foundations.

**Richard E. Hawkins, MD**  
**Vice president, Medical Education Programs**  
**American Medical Association**

Richard Hawkins, MD, joined the American Medical Association in December 2012 as vice president for Medical Education Programs. In this capacity, he is responsible for providing support and senior staff leadership to the AMA Council on Medical Education and the AMA Section on Medical Schools. He also is actively involved in the AMA's "Accelerating change in medical education" project, a broad initiative designed to better prepare medical school graduates to practice and learn in an evolving health care environment.

Dr. Hawkins has more than 20 years of experience working on various initiatives to assess and improve physician competence and performance. Prior to joining the AMA, Dr. Hawkins was senior vice president for professional and scientific affairs at the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). At the ABMS he worked with staff, committees, and external stakeholders to help promote the science of ABMS Maintenance of Certification<sup>®</sup> and certification in the context of advancing physician assessment programs. He also led in the formation of ABMS-International and the development of its certification and examination programs. Prior to his position with ABMS, Dr. Hawkins was vice president for assessment programs at the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) in Philadelphia, where he helped implement the Clinical Skills Examination of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), develop the NBME's assessment of professional behaviors program, and enhance the post-licensure assessment system of the NBME and Federation of State Medical Boards. Before joining the NBME, Dr. Hawkins was assistant dean and director of the Simulation Center at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. A fellow in the American College of Physicians, he is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in internal medicine with a subspecialty in infectious disease.