Jennifer J. Bryan, MD: From summer job to enduring passion

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The AMA “Members Move Medicine” series profiles a wide variety of doctors, offering a glimpse into the passions of women and men navigating new courses in American medicine.

On the move with: Jennifer J. Bryan, MD, a family physician in Flowood, Mississippi.

AMA member since: 2000.

What inspired me to pursue a career in medicine: I worked in my uncle’s family medicine clinic for 10 summers and loved it!

How I move medicine: I am active in the AMA as a Delegate and I am the first female elected as chair of our state association board of trustees in our over 150-year history.

Career highlights: In addition to the first female elected as chair, I helped create a social media network of Mississippi physicians allowing real-time communication.

Advice I’d give to those interested in pursuing a career in medicine: Pursue your professional passions while tending to your own needs. Never lose yourself.

How I give back to the community: I spend time with lawmakers educating them on issues that affect medicine.

Aspect of my work that means the most: Direct communication with patients—feeling what they feel.

My hope for the future of medicine: That medical school continues to matter, and physicians are valued.

How being an AMA and MSMA member helped me as a physician: It is an outlet to work for positive change.

Why it is important for Mississippi physicians to be represented in the AMA: The AMA is seen as the national voice of physicians. Mississippi physicians can only bring our unique perspectives to the table to be discussed by being present and engaged.

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