



# 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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