

Barbara Hummel, MD

Position: Chair

Barbara A. Hummel, MD, a family medicine specialist in private practice in Muskego, Wisconsin, serves as chair-elect of the AMA Private Practice Physicians Section (PPPS) Governing Council. Dr. Hummel has also served as a member of the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians board of directors, as president of the Wisconsin Medical Society, and as member of the board of the Independent Physician Network of Southeast Wisconsin.

As an independent Family Physician she has been involved in finding ways to increase interest in private practice. She joined the Private Practice Physician's Caucus (PPPC) shortly after it was formed, and was elected to serve as Secretary and maintains the group's robust listserv.

Dr. Hummel believes private practice is one of the most satisfying ways to practice medicine, and would like to identify the hurdles that prevent physicians from being interested in private practice. She currently does this by instructing students of all sexes, races, and ages to consider independent primary care as a profession and will continue to do so as long as she is practicing medicine. She believes instructing students and residents must start at the grassroots and has been able to do so by serving as an instructor for her local medical school.