

Senior Physicians Section (AMA-SPS)

Delegate

Name

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Credentials

MD

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Statement of interest

I am Virginia Hall, MD, and have had the privilege of serving as your delegate to our AMA for the past two years. I ask you to allow me to serve you again. Why? There is unfinished work. I have been a medical student, resident times two with chief resident in both cognitive and surgical specialties, medical director of an outpatient teaching program, private practice, academic practice, and volunteer physician at a free clinic. I am board certified in internal medicine and obstetrics and gynecology. I am familiar with the challenges each sector of these components of the medical system because I have lived in each and every sphere. Resolution 814-I-23 which pointed out the unfair Medicare practice of paying systems \$70 more than private practitioners for the same care was the only resolution forwarded to our AMA Board of Trustees for decision. That was my idea.

We need to fight for recognition of our service and contributions as senior physicians while guiding those who will follow us in ways to enhance care of America's aging population. We need to join our AMA in our fight to correct the flawed Medicare/Medicaid reimbursement that has singled out physicians as the only group that has cuts in reimbursement. Let me fight for you as your delegate again. Let me hear from you. Thank you for your consideration.

Diversity statement

Virginia Hall, MD, FACOG, FACP, FCPP Diversity Statement

Diversity, equity and inclusion have been part of my DNA. I went to medical school when my class was only 10% women, so I know about exclusion. In college I tutored Latino students in Reading for mathematics and science. At medical school, I worked as a blood bank technician and became involved in a summer program where we tutored underprivileged black students in medical science. Students had so much fun learning, blood bank was selected to be on the televised story of Hahnemann's efforts to increase diversity. As I advanced in my career, I encountered many fellow residents, fellows, and students who came from different backgrounds than mine. We all got along with assignments according to skill and aptitude-regardless of origin, skin color, graduation school, religion, or sexual orientation.

Medicine is about caring for people and learning from each other. To deny that basic truth is to undermine medicine and diminish each and every one of us. My work in Sierra Leone with Church World Service and teaching in India at Hyderabad and Ludhiana further demonstrates my willingness to include all individuals. The start of DEI is to listen. That is what I have been doing and will continue to do.