

## Senior Physicians Section (AMA-SPS)

Alternate Delegate

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### Name

Stephen Chan

### Credentials

MD

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### Statement of interest

I have been an academic neuroradiologist for many years, with a longstanding interest in healthcare policy and economics. My prior MPH background in Health Policy and Management, and an MBA degree helped me to establish a management education program for the residents in our radiology training program, which I personally ran for 15 years. I have previously served as a specialty advisor on the AMA Relative Update Committee as a Specialty Advisor for Radiology. For the past six years, I have been serving as a delegate to the AMA House of Delegates - representing the Association of University Radiologists, and also serving as a member of the Executive Council of the Radiology Section.

Because of my various interests and background, I have given national presentations on specific topics of specific relevance to the elderly population. This ranges from the scientific and clinical application of neuroimaging to degenerative brain disorders, to the physical and cognitive changes faced by aging radiologists, and finally to the financial and non-financial aspects of planning for retirement. I have also had the opportunity to converse quite a lot about geriatric issues with my spouse, who has been trained as a geriatrician, with special interest in advanced directives.

I ask for your support in attaining the position of alternate delegate for the Senior Section of the AMA House of Delegates, and promise to serve as effectively as possible on behalf of the Section and its members in sharing our views and representing our common interests.

### Diversity statement

I am an Asian-American citizen of the United States, whose family immigrated here over 70 years ago, after World War II. Having grown up in the Bronx, trained in medicine and radiology in Manhattan (at Columbia-Presbyterian, now New York-Presbyterian), and worked at Harlem Hospital Center for many years, I have been well exposed to the social, economic, and healthcare challenges that many of the immigrant populations face upon their arrival to the U.S. This awareness has guided my thinking in searching for ways to help lower the barriers to effective healthcare for those people faced with healthcare disparities.

As President-elect of the Association of University of Radiologists (AUR), I hosted the virtual 2021 AUR meeting with the meeting theme of "Embracing Professionalism and Addressing Healthcare Disparities." As President of the AUR in 2021-2022, I was happy to sponsor the initial rollout of our online webinar series on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), which was spearheaded by our chair and vice-chair of our DEI committee. This was well received by all the participants; this webinar series has continued on an annual basis. Finally, as chair of the Educational Grant Oversight Committee for the Research and Education Foundation of the Radiological Society of North America, I proposed the formation of a grant series with healthcare disparity as the central research topic. This idea was eventually adopted by the Foundation a couple of years later as part of an Emerging Issues grant series, for which serious financial support was offered (up to \$100,000).