

## Senior Physicians Section (AMA-SPS)

Officer At-large (two positions)

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### Name

Thomas V. Whalen, Jr.

### Credentials

MD

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### Statement of interest

As mentioned above, I have had a very full career as a pediatric surgeon, as a medical educator, and then as a medical leader as EVP & CMO of a large health network, while serving in many roles in organized medicine, including the AMA HOD. I am blessed with good health and have a keen mind. I have enjoyed being involved in the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Senior Members for the past six years, and believe I can be an effective representative of the AMA Senior Section.

### Diversity statement

As a 71-year-old retired surgeon, I have dedicated my career to promoting equality and advocating for women's rights in the medical field. Recognizing the invaluable contributions of women, I have actively championed initiatives to break gender barriers and foster a diverse and inclusive healthcare environment.

My commitment to diversity extends beyond gender equality, encompassing a broad spectrum of backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. Throughout my professional journey, I have embraced collaboration with colleagues from various ethnicities, races, and socio-economic backgrounds. I firmly believe that diversity not only enriches the workplace but also enhances the quality of patient care, fostering innovative solutions to complex medical challenges.

In retirement, my dedication to promoting diversity remains unwavering. I am committed to

sharing my experiences and knowledge to inspire the next generation of healthcare professionals, emphasizing the importance of inclusivity in achieving excellence in medicine. By actively engaging in conversations and initiatives that celebrate our differences, I aim to contribute to a healthcare landscape that is not only medically advanced but also reflective of the diverse society it serves.