

TMA Board of Trustees
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Dexter Turnquest, MD

It is with great pleasure that the Harris County Medical Society (HCMS) nominates Dexter G. Turnquest, MD, as a candidate for the Texas Medical Association Board of Trustees.

Dr. Turnquest's impressive qualifications include certification by the American Board of Surgery, fellowship in the American College of Surgeons, and diplomacy in the American Board of Obesity Medicine. A member of the American Medical Association, Dr. Turnquest holds staff appointments across multiple hospitals in Houston, The Woodlands, and Conroe. Additionally, he serves as an adjunct clinical assistant professor at Texas A&M University School of Medicine.

In an era marked by challenges, Dr. Turnquest stands out as an exemplary candidate to represent the concerns of healthcare professionals. His experience in various leadership roles, including medical director, chief of staff, chief of surgery, and chair of a hospital board of directors, uniquely positions him to navigate the intricate landscape of physician relationships with hospitals, health plans, legislative agendas, and industry stakeholders.

Having spent most of his career as an independent practice physician, Dr. Turnquest understands the challenges we face. His insights into hospital and health plan operations further contribute to his comprehensive perspective.

Dr. Turnquest's commitment to advocacy is evident through his extensive service to HCMS and TMA. His roles on HCMS boards and committees culminated in his presidency in 2022. A long-standing member of the HCMS delegation to TMA, Dr. Turnquest recognizes the influence individual physicians wield in shaping TMA policy and understands the power of organized medicine speaking with one voice.

Dr. Turnquest is exceptionally well suited for the TMA Board of Trustees, having immersed himself in issues crucial to physicians. Currently serving as chair of the TMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws, his profound appreciation for safeguarding the operational guidelines of TMA underscores his commitment to ensuring the organization remains robust, well positioned, and respected.

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We wholeheartedly recommend Dr. Dexter G. Turnquest for the TMA Board of Trustees and believe that his expertise, leadership, and dedication will greatly benefit the organization.

Personal Statement: *In this pivotal moment for our profession and association, we confront an array of challenges that threaten to fracture the House of Medicine. Employers seek to dictate the practice of medicine, bureaucrats align with health plans over patient protection, and legislators attempt to reshape medical practice through political ideologies rather than upholding the Hippocratic Oath we all pledged. It is imperative that the TMA resist the ongoing efforts to corporatize medicine and curtail physicians' autonomy in making independent judgments for our patients.*

I am committed to staunchly defending the rights of physicians to practice in an environment of their choosing, free from the constraints imposed by those who have not undergone medical training. I vow to be a steadfast advocate for the preservation of our professional autonomy and the safeguarding of our patients' well-being.

Your support in this endeavor is crucial. Together, we can ensure that the practice of medicine remains rooted in the principles that define our noble calling. I humbly request your support.

PROFILE

Specialty: General/Bariatric surgery

Medical School (with year graduated): University of South Florida Medical School, 1989

Residency Program: UTHealth Houston

Primary Residence (City, State): The Woodlands, Texas

Practice Type/Employment Status: Independent practice/Self-employed

Primary Practice/Employment Location (City, State): Houston, Texas

Do you expect to maintain your current employment status and location through your term in office? Yes

Does your current employment situation(s) require you to work outside of Texas? If yes, what is the nature of that work and how many days each month do you work outside of Texas. No

TMA positions held: Chair, Council on Constitution and Bylaws, 2020-present

DISCLOSURES

None