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# College nominates Dr. Reiling to AMA Council on Medical Education

Continuing its commitment to active and strategic interaction with the American Medical Association (AMA) through councils, committees, and the House of Delegates (HOD), the College has nominated Richard B. Reiling, MD, FACS, for reelection to the AMA Council on Medical Education.

Dr. Reiling, the College's Second Vice-President and past recipient of the College's Distinguished Service Award (2004), has a record of impeccable service to organized medicine and has worked steadfastly within the AMA HOD to bridge gaps and form coalitions to tackle the tough issues. He believes that "Together, We Are Stronger" is more than a slogan; these words define physician relationships within the "House of Medicine" to improve the care of the patient.

"Medical education is caught in the vortex of national and global challenges," Dr. Reiling said. "Costs continue to rise, while the payment systems for medical education continue to erode. More physicians are needed to care for our growing and aging population, yet the financing of health care delivery at current levels is unsustainable. Our profession has moved into demonstrations of physician quality and safety through the Maintenance of Certification and licensure process, yet the cost-effectiveness of these efforts is unknown."



Dr. Reiling

Dr. Reiling has served in the AMA HOD since 1994 and has been a passionate advocate for solutions to critical medical education issues in national workforce planning and defined financing of medical education at all levels. He has succeeded,

as Chair of the College's delegation, in reflecting the diversity of surgeons and their practices. He served on the AMA's Special Advisory Group Extraordinaire (SAGE) and the Committee on Organization of Organizations and is a member of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Reiling noted, regarding his service on the Council, "During the past four years, I have joined my colleagues in asking the hard questions about the future of medical education and have worked diligently with them to find realistic answers through the Initiative to Transform Medical Education. It remains my distinct privilege to serve the surgical profession and the AMA HOD, and I approach the future with the optimism of greater possibilities for innovation and relevance across the continuum of student, resident, and continuing medical education."

## Trauma meetings calendar

The following continuing medical education course in trauma is cosponsored by the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma and Regional Committees:

- **Advances in Trauma**, December 11–12, 2009. Kansas City, MO.

Complete course information can be viewed online (as it becomes available) through the American College of Surgeons' Web site at <http://www.facs.org/trauma/cme/traumtgs.html>, or contact the Trauma Office at 312/202-5342.