

Cecil B. Wilson, MD, MACP
President-Elect
World Medical Association

Cecil B. Wilson, MD, an internist from Winter Park, Florida, USA, was elected President-Elect of the World Medical Association (WMA) October 2011. Dr. Wilson is Chair of the American Medical Association delegation to the WMA. He has served as a member of the WMA committees on Medical Ethics, Finance and Planning and Socio-Medical Affairs. In addition Dr. Wilson has served for the past two years as a private sector advisor to the United States Delegation to the World Health Assembly at the World Health Organization in Geneva. He will assume office as President of the WMA in October 2012.

Dr. Wilson served as the 165th president of the American Medical Association from June 2010 to June 2011. He has been a member of the American Medical Association (AMA) Board of Trustees (BOT) since 2002 and served as chair of the AMA-BOT from 2006 to 2007. Dr. Wilson has also been a member of the AMA House of Delegates since 1992, and served two terms as a member of the AMA Council on Constitution and Bylaws.

Dr. Wilson has a distinguished record of service and leadership in organized medicine. He was president of the Florida Medical Association (FMA) and chair of its board of governors and executive committee. In 2003 Dr. Wilson was recognized by the FMA with its highest award, the Certificate of Merit. He served as president of the Orange County Medical Society, and of the medical staffs of the Winter Park Memorial Hospital and Florida Hospital Medical Center, Orlando, Fla.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in history and his doctorate from Emory University, Atlanta, Dr. Wilson interned at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., and completed his residency in internal medicine at the U.S. Naval Hospital, San Diego. He served as a Navy flight surgeon, rising to the rank of commander. Dr. Wilson has been in private practice of internal medicine in Central Florida for more than 30 years. He is board-certified in internal medicine and a Master of the American College of Physicians (ACP).

Dr. Wilson's service in organized medicine includes leadership in his specialty of internal medicine. He is a past chair of the ACP Board of Regents. He also served on the board of the American Society of Internal Medicine (ASIM) and was a member of the merger committee between ACP and ASIM, which resulted in the largest medical specialty society in the United States. At the state level, Dr. Wilson has received the prestigious Laureate Award for service to internal medicine from the Florida chapter of ACP.

Dr. Wilson is currently a national fellow and advisor for the Center for Global Health and Medical Diplomacy at the University of North Florida, and a clinical professor in health administration in the Brooks College of Health at the university.

Dr. Wilson and his wife, Betty Jane, past president of the FMA Alliance, have two sons, a daughter and three grandchildren.

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