

Kenneth Certa, M.D

Bio sketch:

Psychiatry residency program director, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital since 2007

Active practice of psychiatry, chiefly in emergency room and general hospital consultation, currently chief of adult acute services.

Served on Council of Pennsylvania Psychiatric Society (20 years), chair or co-chair of government relations committee for most of that time.

Served on Board of Pennsylvania Medical Society for 10 years, delegate to PAMED House of Delegates for more than 20 years; currently psychiatry representative to the PAMED Specialty Leadership Cabinet Alternate and then Delegate to AMA House of Delegates representing APA since 2001

Member of the board of the Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society; board liaison to the Pennsylvania Physician's Health Program

Area 3 representative, American Association of Directors of Psychiatry Residency Training (two year term)

Representative to APA Assembly from Pennsylvania

Member, APA PAC Board of Directors.

Married, four children, oldest now emergency medicine physician in San Francisco

Vision for APA

Our APA does lots of good work on behalf of our members; we need to do a better job of communicating this to our current and prospective members. We are most effective when we work with other medical organizations to advance our agenda, especially the AMA and other specialty societies. APA leadership will benefit from my decades long work with my district branch and the AMA, as well as my daily practice of psychiatry. Emergency room work has sensitized me to the many gaps in our system, and running a residency program keeps me aware of the many demands (some unreasonable) of the ACGME and the ABPN.

As a medical school faculty member and residency director, I am very aware of the critical role physicians of Indian origin play in our field. I am fortunate to have worked with Salman Akhtar, Rajnish Mago, Ashwin Patkar, and many others who have taught me much. I am proud to have helped our American Medical Association roll back some of the onerous hurdles being put in the way of physicians wishing to come to the US for training and employment. I will work to ensure that the flow of talent continues.