



AMA DELEGATION ELECTION Personal Statement

Harold “Hap” Dechant Young, MD, Personal Statement for Election to the Colorado Medical Society Delegation to the American Medical Association

My passion is and has been my involvement in patient health care, and as a radiologist nothing has given me more pleasure than helping determine the diagnosis and aiding in the care of patients. However, I have never lost sight of the importance of the interaction with others in accomplishing this. The input, the knowledge, and the experience of fellow care providers is an exceptional “tool” not to be ignored.

Over the past three decades in clinical practice, I have had both opportunities as well as the occasional roadblock in achieving my goals. Some, by choice or otherwise, I have dealt with on my own. Yet many issues were open to, and some required, the help of others working together to achieve the goal.

I have a unique perspective having spent the last 25 years in a rural Colorado practice. Physicians, and in my experience especially rural physicians, can feel a long way from and disconnected from state and national organizations. Many don't realize, or lose sight of, the effort and time spent by CMS and the AMA to help provide a stable and positive environment to practice medicine. There is a sense that as long as things are going well, “why worry?” That's where a strong AMA position comes into play. I want to emphasize and reintroduce the benefits, and the efforts behind them, which AMA provides to doctors nationwide, including in Colorado. I want to engage more physicians in the realization that AMA helps provide the backdrop for a safe, fair, and secure practice environment, allowing physicians to do what they do best – care for their patients!

At this time, I feel I have an exceptional opportunity, with the time afforded me with the changes in my own practice, to take advantage of my accumulated knowledge and experience in enhancing and helping other physicians in their quest for a satisfying and secure health care practice.

I stand ready to listen to fellow physicians about their concerns, hopes and plans related to their practices...to assimilate information and concerns, and help the Colorado Medical Society and the American Medical Association develop and implement plans of action for physicians, both at the state and national level.



AMA DELEGATION ELECTION Candidate Profile

Harold “Hap” Dechant Young, MD, Candidate Profile for Election to the Colorado Medical Society Delegation to the American Medical Association

1. **Name:** Harold “Hap” Dechant Young, MD
2. **City:** Glenwood Springs, CO
3. **Employment:** Mountain Radiology
4. **Specialty:** Diagnostic Radiology
5. **Organized Medicine experience:**
 - a. Colorado Medical Society:
 - Member since 1995
 - Colorado Medical Society Delegate: 2006 to 2015
 - Board of Directors (District I and II):
 - September 2009 to 2015,
 - Jan. 2019-2025
 - Nomination Committee: 2016- 2018
 - Executive Committee: September 2012 to 2013
 - September 2021 to present
 - President's Council: September 2021 to 2025
 - Finance Committee: September 2011 to 2015
 - September 2020 to present
 - Chair: September 2021 to present
 - b. Component Society experience- Mt. Sopris Medical Society:
 - Member since 1995
 - President: 2008 to 2012
 - c. American Medical Society:
 - Member since 1990
6. **Curriculum Vitae:** (Attached)
7. **Personal statement:** (Attached)



AMA DELEGATION ELECTION Curriculum Vitae

Harold “Hap” Dechant Young, MD, Curriculum Vitae for Election to the Colorado Medical Society Delegation to the American Medical Association

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: University of Notre Dame
September 1977 to May 1981
Bachelor of Science: Biology

MEDICAL SCHOOL: Georgetown University
September 1981 to May 1985
Doctorate of Medicine

INTERNSHIP: Roanoke Memorial Hospital
Roanoke, Virginia
Rotational Internship
July 1985 to June 1986

RESIDENCY: Letterman Army Medical Center
San Francisco, California
Radiology
July 1986 to June 1990

FELLOWSHIP: University of Colorado Health Science Center
Denver, Colorado
Body Imaging Fellowship
July 1996 to June 1997

LEADERSHIP: Regional Institute for Healthcare and Environmental Leadership
Leadership Academy; Denver, CO
Class of 2012

BOARD CERTIFICATION: American Board of Radiology #34408
June 1990

LICENSES: California #4045853 (1989 to present)
Colorado #34007 (1994 to present)
Oregon #MD20634 (1997 to present)

Harold “Hap” Dechant Young, MD, Curriculum Vitae (cont.)

- PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:
- Radiologist; Diagnostic Imaging
Mountain Radiology
Glenwood Springs, Rifle, Meeker, Kremmling, Rangley,
Craig, and Trinidad, Colorado
April 1999 to the present
 - Radiologist; Diagnostic Imaging
Eastern Oregon Radiology
La Grande, Oregon
July 1997 to March 1999
 - Medical Director/ Radiologist; Diagnostic Imaging
The Memorial Hospital
Craig, Colorado
January 1994 to June 1996
 - Chief/ Radiologist; Diagnostic Imaging
Irwin Army Community Hospital
Ft. Riley, Kansas
August 1992 to June 1994
 - Radiologist; Department of Radiology
121 U.S. Army Evacuation Hospital
Seoul, Korea
July 1990 to August 1992
- PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:
- American College of Radiology since 1990
 - American Medical Association since 1995
 - American Roentgen Ray Society since 1996
 - Colorado Medical Society since 1995
 - Colorado Radiological Society since 1995
 - Radiological Society of North America since 1990
- SERVICE/COMMITTEES:
- Mind Springs (Behavioral Health) Foundation Board of Directors
Fall 2021 to summer 2025
 - Governance Committee Feb. 2022 to June 2025
 - Colorado Medical Society (AMA)
 - Board of Directors: September 2009 to 2015,
Jan. 2019-2025
 - Executive Committee: September 2012 to 2013
September 2021 to present
 - President’s Council: September 2021 to 2025
 - Finance Committee: September 2011 to 2015
September 2020 to present
 - Chair: September 2021 to present
 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee: April 2022 to 2025
 - Nomination Committee: 2016- 2018
 - Colorado Medical Society Delegate: 2006 to 2015
 - Mt. Sopris Medical Society (AMA)
 - President: 1/2008 to 1/2012
 - Medical Executive Committee/ Valley View Hospital
 - Past Chief of Staff: 2011
 - Chief of Staff: 2009 & 2010

Harold “Hap” Dechant Young, MD, Curriculum Vitae (cont.)

SERVICE/COMMITTEES (cont.):

Medical Executive Committee/ Valley View Hospital
Chief of Staff Elect: 2008
Secretary- Treasurer: 2007 & 2008
Chair, Department of Medicine: 2006
Chair Elect, Department of Medicine 2005
Senior Clinical Instructor
University of Colorado School of Medicine
May 2009 to May 2015
Governance Committee/ Valley View Hospital
Chair/ Spokesperson: 2008 to 2014
Medical Care Evaluation Committee/ Valley View Hospital
Chair: 2007 & 2008
Committee Member 2004-2008
Radiation Safety Committee/ Craig Memorial Hospital
Chair and Safety officer 1995-1996

Hospital Quality Improvement Committee/ Irwin Army
Community Hospital, Member: 1992 to 1994
Patient Satisfaction Team/ Irwin Army Community Hospital
Team Leader: 1992 to 1994
Hospital Safety Committee / Irwin Army Community Hospital
Team member: 1992 to 1994
Radiology Quality Assurance Committee/121 Army Evacuation
Hospital Coordinator: 1990 to 1992

AWARDS:

Army Achievement Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal
Army Service Ribbon
Army Humanitarian Service Medal
Army Meritorious Service Medal
Army National Defense Service Medal
Army Overseas Service Ribbon

PRESENTATIONS:

CT Findings of Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy Complications.
Society of Gastrointestinal Radiologists
28th Annual Meeting & Postgraduate Course
March 21-26, 1999
Critical Care Radiology
Blue Mountain Critical Care Conference, La Grande, OR.
October 10, 1998
Mammography
Colorado Mammography Society
Educational Conference/ Glenwood Springs, CO
June 24, 2000