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Panelist, History of Racism in U.S. Health Care



Jack Resneck Jr., MD, became president of the American Medical Association in June 2022. For more than 20 years, Dr. Resneck has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to organized medicine. He is a passionate advocate for physicians and patients, a prominent spokesperson for innovation, and a champion for a more equitable health care system.

Whether testifying before Congress about removing dysfunction from health care, caring for his patients at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF), or advocating for physician values in emerging technology, Dr. Resneck channels his leadership to improve the lives of patients and the working environment for America's physicians to help build stronger, healthier communities.

Dr. Resneck was elected to the American Medical Association Board of Trustees in 2014 and served as its chair from 2018 to 2019. He is a former member of the board of the American Academy of Dermatology and the former president of the California Society for Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery. Currently, he is a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology* and serves on the board of directors for the National Quality Forum.

Dr. Resneck's leadership is collaborative, inclusive, focused and infused with purpose. This is evident whether he is engaging the AMA's Litigation Center to protect physicians' free speech and fight societal discrimination against marginalized patients—or advocating on Capitol Hill for fair Medicare payment systems, improved patient access to care, lower prescription drug prices, and reduced dysfunction and burdens in health care.

In earlier roles, Dr. Resneck served as residency director for the dermatology program at UCSF and chaired the committee that oversaw the school's modernization of its medical school curriculum. Today, he is a professor and vice chair of the Department of Dermatology at UCSF and holds a joint appointment at the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies.

In his own clinical practice, Dr. Resneck lives the challenges physicians face in striving to provide the best care for their patients. As a trusted policy expert, he has fought passionately to reduce burdens that contribute to physician burnout and interfere with patient care, including prior authorization, in-basket overload and poorly designed digital tools.

Raised in Louisiana, Dr. Resneck received his BA in public policy from Brown University and his MD from UCSF—where he also completed his internship in internal medicine, residency in dermatology and fellowship in health policy. Dr. Resneck lives in San Rafael, Calif., with his wife, Ellen, and their two children.