

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

Alan R. Nelson, MD, MACP
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Dr. Alan R. Nelson is an internist-endocrinologist who was in private practice in Salt Lake City, Utah until becoming chief executive officer of the American Society of Internal Medicine (ASIM) in 1992. Following the merger of ASIM with the American College of Physicians (ACP) in 1998, Dr. Nelson headed the Washington Office of ACP-ASIM until his semi-retirement in January, 2000, and currently serves as Special Advisor to the EVP/CEO of the College.

A member of the prestigious Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences (IOM), he was Chair of the IOM Committee on Understanding and Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care and is a co-editor of the study report, *Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care*, which was published in March, 2002. He also serves on the IOM Roundtable on Environmental Health Sciences Research and Medicine, and was co-chair of the Workshop Planning Group on the Environment and Cancer.

Dr. Nelson received his MD degree from Northwestern University in 1958. He was president of the American Medical Association in 1989-90, after serving as chair of the AMA Board of Trustees and was president of the World Medical Association from 1991-1992. Early in his career, he was president of the Utah Society of Internal Medicine and the Utah Medical Association.

Dr. Nelson was appointed to the influential Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) in May, 2000. MedPAC advises the Congress on a wide range of Medicare policy issues. In 2000, Dr. Nelson was appointed chair of the Working Group on Communication of Ethical Guidelines for Gifts to Physicians from Industry. He is also a member of the Hablamos Juntos National Advisory Committee for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

A member of the ACP-ASIM Foundation Board of Trustees, he serves the Foundation as chair of the Healthcare Communication Initiative. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of Intermountain HealthCare, a large integrated health system that is headquartered in Salt Lake City, and is on the Professional Standards committee of IHC.

Among awards and honors that Dr. Nelson has received are Distinguished Internist of the American Society of Internal Medicine, Mastership in the American College of Physicians, the Coble Award of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, and the Boyle Award for Distinguished Public Service from ACP-ASIM. He was given the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Northwestern University Medical School in 2003. Prior to moving to the Washington area, Dr. Nelson was Clinical Professor of Medicine at Utah, where he received the Outstanding Clinical Faculty Award in 1989.

Dr. Nelson's interests include scuba, tennis, and genealogy.