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## **Medical Board Member Accepts Full-Time Position in Washington, D.C.**

William R. Martin, III, M.D., has accepted the position of Medical Director for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He will serve as a member of the Executive Team with responsibilities for Medical Affairs, Research and Scientific Affairs, and the Office of Government Relations.

Dr. Martin, a Board-certified and fellowship trained orthopaedic surgeon, is beginning the process of closing his Phoenix practice, and will assume his new duties in Washington, D.C. by July 1, 2010. Dr. Martin says that the move is bittersweet because he will no longer practice clinical medicine. Nevertheless, he says, "I have realized over the years that ... as much as I enjoy my work and find my work rewarding, I am only helping one person at a time. This current opportunity allows me to have a direct effect on policy formation and policy execution and afford to me the chance to influence the lives of dozens, tens of dozens, and, potentially thousands of people at a time."

Dr. Martin was first appointed to the Arizona Medical Board by then-Governor Jane Hull in 2002 and later re-appointed to a second term by Janet Napolitano in 2007. During his two terms on the Board, he served as Chair and Vice-Chair. He was recently appointed to a four-year term as a member of the National Board of Medical Examiners, representing the Federation of State Medical Boards.