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Tell members a little bit about yourself.

Your Practice

For many years I was an inpatient physician doing general/medically complex rehabilitation. My patients were transplants, LVADs, cancer, burns etc... When I became Chief Medical Officer, I gave up inpatients and now my practice is outpatient.

Your Life Outside of Work

I have 4 daughters and 3 grandsons. We just bought a lake house which my wife and I enjoy.

What accomplishments/honors are you particularly proud of that you would like to share with members?

Over the past 10 years I have developed a new patient assessment system called the Ability Quotient. It is more sensitive than the Quality Indicators and includes a predictive model for patient recovery. It has been implemented on all adult services in our hospital. Our Chief Scientific Officer and I have developed a Research Accelerator Program designed to facilitate conversation and collaboration between clinicians and researchers. This has been very successful.

What have you advanced in your local community outside of or in conjunction with your medical practice?

My wife and I are active in our church especially the St Vincent DePaul Society which provides food, clothing and financial support for those in need.

What special skills or unique attributes do you bring to the Board of Governors?

Not sure I have any unique skills or attributes. Maybe a unique 40-year perspective on our specialty and how it has changed.