Experts predict that major changes in the health care delivery system in the next few years will far exceed the changes that occurred in the past 10 years. Texas needs a person with proven dedication, service, and knowledge to help shape these changes. David Henkes is uniquely qualified and will be a valuable asset to physicians and patients.

**Organized Medicine**

David Henkes has served in medical organizations since the beginning of his medical career:

- President of the Bexar County Medical Society
- President of the Texas Society of Pathologists
- President of the Christus Santa Rosa Medical Center Hospital Medical Staff
- HHS Medicaid Medical Care Advisory Committee member
- Chair of the HHS Physician Payment Subcommittee
- Texas Health and Human Services Committees former member

These previous experiences have shown a strong commitment to serve and protect patients.

**Texas Medical Association**

David Henkes has a long, distinguished record of service to the Texas Medical Association:

- 3 years on TMA Board of Trustees
- 3 years on TMA Board Finance Committee
- 6 years on the TMA Council on Socioeconomics
- 6 years on the TMA Council of Legislation
- Recent Past-Chair of TEXPAC
- Vice Chair of the Texas Delegation to the American Medical Association

These activities have not only demonstrated his commitment to improve health care in Texas and the nation but have also given him direct experience on the “grassroots up” development of policy that has been so effective for the members of the TMA.

**Actively Practicing Physician**

David Henkes is an actively practicing physician that carries a full load in his medical group. Because there are a significant number of physicians that refer patients for consultative services to him from not only the San Antonio, Austin and Hill Country regions, but also Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and the Texas Valley, he is directly involved in the unique issues that affect the delivery of health care along the Texas border.
**Physician Rights Advocate**

In addition to national debate surrounding changes in the health care delivery systems, other major issues will be debated in the Texas Legislature and Texas government agencies. **David Henkes** strongly supports the right for physicians to have ownership in health care entities and is a partner-owner of a health care business. He has extensive knowledge about physician payment issues and supports the right for physicians to choose the contracts in which they will participate. He strongly supports the medical tort reform legislation that was passed in the Texas legislature and will work to be sure these effective laws are not diluted. He is an advocate for greater transparency by insurance companies and believes that plans must disclose rules and payment methodologies to the public and provide better information to consumers on how they are spending the health care premium dollar, including how much is paid to their executives, shareholders and owners. **David Henkes** is a staunch advocate of the principle that the patient care provided by physicians should not be influenced by hospitals and corporations and will work to defeat regulations that would interfere with the doctor patient relationship. Some evolving issues will require more policy development and better communication of the issues by the TMA. **David Henkes** supports the concept of a medical home for patients and will work to support this practice model. He also supports full disclosure of health care provider training and will work to stop the inappropriate expansion of practice scope by non-physician providers.

**Visionary**

The Board of Trustees will need to be challenged to think “outside the box” and develop new payment mechanisms to assure physicians do not become the pawns of insurance, business, and hospitals. This is one of the major strengths of **David Henkes**.

The TMA Board of Trustees has benefited from the leadership and vision of Dr. **David Henkes** in his first three years on the Board. The Bexar County Medical Society Delegation strongly urges you to vote for Dr. **David Henkes** to continue his tenure on the TMA Board of Trustees for another term. We know that the physicians of Texas will benefit from his participation and as a result, the patients of Texas will gain improved access and quality of care.

Read more about Dr. Henkes at [https://sites.google.com/site/drhenkes4bot/home](https://sites.google.com/site/drhenkes4bot/home)