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Dr. Richard E. Hawkins joined the American Medical Association (AMA) in December 2012 as vice president for medical education programs. In this capacity, he is responsible for providing senior staff leadership and support to the AMA's Council on Medical Education and Section on Medical Schools. He also is actively involved in the AMA's Accelerating Change in Education project, a broad initiative designed to better prepare medical school graduates to practice and learn in an evolving health care environment. Dr. Hawkins has more than 20 years of experience working on various initiatives to evaluate and improve physician performance, and is co-editor of a textbook on the assessment of clinical competence. Prior to joining the AMA, Dr. Hawkins was senior vice president for professional and scientific affairs at the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS). At ABMS, he worked with staff, committees and external stakeholders to help promote the science of ABMS Maintenance of Certification[®] and certification in the context of advancing physician assessment programs. He also led in the formation of ABMS-International and development of its certification and examination programs. Prior to assuming his position with ABMS, Dr. Hawkins was vice president for assessment programs at the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) in Philadelphia, where he helped implement the Clinical Skills Examination of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE), develop the NBME's assessment of professional behaviors program and enhance the post-licensure assessment system of the NBME and Federation of State Medical Boards. Before joining the NBME, Dr. Hawkins was Assistant Dean and Director of the Simulation Center at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in internal medicine with a subspecialty in infectious diseases.