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## **Statewide physician organization re-elects Batesville surgeon to serve as alternate delegate to the AMA**

INDIANAPOLIS – Surgeon David J. Welsh, M.D., from Batesville, Ind., was re-elected by colleagues in the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) to continue serving as one of its alternate delegates to the American Medical Association (AMA). As an alternate delegate, Dr. Welsh represents ISMA policies and positions in the AMA House of Delegates, which meets twice each year.

Dr. Welsh's new term will end in 2013. Previously, he was ISMA president and chairman of the organization's Board of Trustees. He first began serving as a trustee with the organization in 2003.

A fellow with the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Welsh practices with Surgical Associates of Southeastern Indiana, PC. Currently, he serves as the health officer for Ripley County and team physician for Batesville High School. He was selected nationally to serve on the Wellpoint Physician Advisory Committee and holds hospital privileges at four southeast Indiana hospitals.

Physician delegates from around Indiana voted for Dr. Welsh on Sunday, Sept. 18, during the ISMA's 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention in Indianapolis. The statewide physician organization currently has approximately 8,000 members.

Since 1849, the ISMA has represented Indiana physicians, promoting sound health care policy in the public, private and governmental sectors and working to support continuing medical education for the state's doctors.

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*Editor's note: For more on the ISMA convention and a photo of Dr. Welsh, visit [www.ismanet.org/go/2011Convention](http://www.ismanet.org/go/2011Convention).*