

# Breaking: AMA President Leaves Presidency AMA

**CHICAGO, IL** - Despite the efforts of board members and peers to talk him into staying, current President of the American Medical Association (AMA), Dr. David O. Barbe, has officially signed out of his position [AMA \(against medical advice\)](#).

“We encouraged him to stay until we could safely discharge him at the end of his one-year term coming this June, but he insisted he had to go,” explained AMA CEO James L. Madara, hoping he doesn’t bounce back or end up going to [another professional society](#).

“It is with great sadness that I confirm the rumor you’ve heard is indeed true: the AMA President has left the presidency AMA.”



The American Medical Association (AMA) was founded in 1847 and is the largest association of physicians in the United States. Despite the many accomplishments over its storied history, the AMA has been plagued by the same recurrent issue: its appointed presidents leaving before the end of their one-year term.

Last June, Barbe was inaugurated as the 172nd President of the AMA. Today he becomes the 172nd President to leave AMA.

“Isn’t that crazy? We’ve had 172 presidents and not a single discharge,” Madara communicated with grave disappointment. “I’m not sure how, but I believe that’s gonna be a red flag for our quality metrics.”

The American Urological Association (AUA) offered condolences as well as advice, citing their tremendous expertise when it comes to [retention](#).