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Yank D. Coble, Jr., M.D., is an endocrinologist in private practice in Jacksonville, Florida. His service to the American Medical Association (AMA) Board of Trustees began with his election to the Board in 1994. Dr. Coble has served on the AMA Executive Committee since 1997. He was Secretary-Treasurer in 1999 - 2001, and was elected President-Elect in June 2001. Dr. Coble is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Florida, Jacksonville and is the former Chairman of the Department of Community Health and Family Medicine and Professor of Medicine and Family Medicine at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

Dr. Coble serves as Chair of the Clinical Quality Improvement Forum and the Practice Guidelines Partnership. He is an AMA Commissioner to the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), and is the AMA member representative to the National Quality Forum. He served two years as President of the AMA's Education and Research Foundation, and was on the Governing Board of the American Medical Accreditation Program (AMAP). Dr. Coble was a delegate to the American Medical Association House of Delegates for eight years, and a member of the AMA Council on Scientific Affairs from 1988 to 1994, including service as Vice Chair and Chair.

Dr. Coble is a past president of the American Society of Internal Medicine, the Florida Medical Association, and the Duval County Medical Society. He was the first President of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AACE), and served as President of the American College of Endocrinology (ACE) who honored him as its second Master. He is also a Master of the American College of Physicians-ASIM. Dr. Coble was awarded the Florida Medical Association's highest honor, the Certificate of Merit, received the first Honorary Membership from the North Carolina Medical Society, and is recognized annually by the Yank D. Coble, Jr., M.D. Distinguished Endocrinologist Award given by the AACE.

Dr. Coble was appointed to the Advisory Committee to the Director, National Institutes of Health, and to the AHRQ Policy Board, National Guidelines Clearinghouse, was elected to the Boards of Research! America and the National Osteoporosis Foundation, and is a member of the American Clinical and Climatologic Association.

Born in Burlington, North Carolina, Dr. Coble received his medical degree from Duke University School of Medicine. Upon completion of his residency at New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center, he was an NIH International Research Career Development Program awardee serving in Cairo, Egypt, Ibadan, Nigeria, and London, England, the National Cancer Institute, and the Vanderbilt Medical School. He received a degree in Clinical Medicine of the Tropics from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He is board certified and re-certified in internal medicine, and board certified in endocrinology.

Dr. Coble currently serves as Emeritus Director of Blue Cross, Blue Shield of Florida, Inc. He is past Chairman of the boards of FLAMEDCO, Inc., and Florida Medical Insurance Trust (FMIT), and a former Director and member of the Executive Committee of the Florida Physicians Insurance Company. He also served as Director of the Koger Equity Company and Florida Health Options, Inc.

As a community leader, Dr. Coble served as president of the Jacksonville Community Council and a member of the Board of Directors of Leadership Jacksonville, Big Brothers, the Arts Assembly, the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, the Jacksonville Enterprise Center for Health Care Technology, the Wesley Manor Retirement Village, and Hospice of Northeast Florida.

Yank and his wife Shereth reside in Neptune Beach, Florida and have five children and seven grandchildren.
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