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**AMERICAN TELEMEDICINE ASSOCIATION MODERNIZES BYLAWS, ELECTS THREE NEW DIRECTORS;
DR. JOE KVEDAR TO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD THROUGH APRIL 2022**

WASHINGTON, DC, DECEMBER 15, 2020 -- The American Telemedicine Association (ATA) today announced its membership has voted to update the association's bylaws to better reflect current market trends and needs, as well as the culture and purpose of the organization. The bylaw modernization involved clarifying board-level committee responsibilities, revising board and officer election processes, and re-affirming the ATA's commitment to diversity. As part of the amendments, [Joseph C. Kvedar, MD](#), president of the ATA, will become chair of the Board of Directors, effective immediately. His term as Chair has been extended through April 2022.

"This has been a pivotal year for our industry and for the ATA. We have enormous responsibility to continue to serve as the unwavering voice for telehealth as we chart a course for the future. By modernizing our bylaws, streamlining the governance structure, and creating a diverse and stable Board of Directors, the ATA is well-positioned to lead our industry into an era of hybrid care delivery, combining virtual and in-person care," said Ann Mond Johnson, CEO, the ATA. "At this critical juncture, there is no one better to lead our board than Joe Kvedar, a tireless pioneer and visionary. His thoughtful approach, deep insights and hands-on experience keeps us heading true north."

Kvedar has served as president of the ATA since June 2020. He previously served as president of the ATA from 2004-2005 and was a member of the Board of Directors from 2002-2006. As Chair, he will continue to oversee the Board of Directors and the overall direction of the organization. As CEO, Ann Mond Johnson continues to manage the association's operations and resources, reporting to the Board of Directors. She will also now serve as a member of the board and its executive committee.

In addition to Mond Johnson, the ATA added two external members to its Board of Directors. All members of the board will have a three-year term.

[Sree Chaguturu, MD](#), chief medical officer of CVS Caremark. Dr. Chaguturu is a practicing internal medicine physician at Massachusetts General Hospital and a clinical instructor at Harvard Medical School. He most recently was chief population health officer at Mass General Brigham (formerly Partners HealthCare), leading the health system's accountable care organization, one of the largest in the nation serving over 600,000 lives. Previously, he was a health care consultant at McKinsey and Company.

[Kristi Henderson, DNP, NP-C, FAAN, FAEN](#), senior vice president of Telehealth and Innovation at Optum Health. She most recently led clinical operations for Amazon Care, a healthcare initiative for Amazon employees and their families. Before joining Amazon, she designed and launched a national solutions center for patient access, virtual care, and care coordination for Ascension Health.

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“We are pleased to welcome Sree, Kristi, and Ann to the board. They complement the diversity and talent of our current board members and add decades of leadership and innovation in key areas, including strategy and implementation of care delivery services, population health, and care transformation,” added Dr. Kvedar. “I am incredibly proud of the ATA’s accomplishments, particularly over the past ten months, and the unprecedented response of our membership during the public health emergency. I am confident in our future as we continue to grow and expand our impact in creating a healthcare system that can do more good for more people, no matter where they live.”

About the ATA

As the only organization completely focused on advancing telehealth, the [American Telemedicine Association](#) is committed to ensuring that everyone has access to safe, affordable, and appropriate care when and where they need it, enabling the system to do more good for more people. The ATA represents a broad and inclusive member network of health care delivery systems, academic institutions, technology solution providers and payers, as well as partner organizations and alliances, working to advance industry adoption of telehealth, promote responsible policy, advocate for government and market normalization, and provide education and resources to help integrate virtual care into emerging value-based delivery models. [@americantelemed](#) #telehealthishealth #ATApolicy

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