



## James L. Madara, MD

Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer  
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James L. Madara, MD, serves as executive vice president and chief executive officer of the American Medical Association (AMA), the nation's largest physician organization. An accomplished academic medical center physician, medical scientist and administrator, Dr. Madara, prior to joining the AMA, served as Timmie Professor and chair of pathology and laboratory medicine at the Emory University School of Medicine before assuming the Thompson Distinguished Service Professorship and deanship at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine.

During his deanship at Chicago, which also extended to the university's renowned Biological Sciences Division, Dr. Madara also served as CEO of the University of Chicago Medical Center, bringing together the university's biomedical research, teaching and clinical activities. As CEO, he engineered significant new affiliations with community hospitals, teaching hospital systems, community Federally Qualified Health Centers on Chicago's South Side, as well as with national research organizations.

While at the University of Chicago from 2002 to 2009, Dr. Madara oversaw a significant renewal of the institution's biomedical campus, including the opening of the Comer Children's Hospital, the New Hospital Pavilion for adults, the Gordon Center for Integrative Science and the Knapp Center for Biomedical Discovery.

Dr. Madara is a noted academic pathologist and an authority on epithelial cell biology and on gastrointestinal disease. He has published more than 200 original papers and chapters, making important contributions to understanding the biology of the cells that line the digestive tract. His work has garnered both national and international awards.

Dr. Madara has served as president of the American Board of Pathology and as editor-in-chief of the *American Journal of Pathology*. A past recipient of a prestigious MERIT Award from the National Institute of Health, he recently received the Davenport Award for lifetime achievement in gastrointestinal disease from the American Physiological Society.

Most recently, Dr. Madara served as senior advisor with Leavitt Partners, a highly innovative health care consulting firm started by former Secretary of Health and Human Services Mike Leavitt.

Dr. Madara earned his medical degree from Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia. He completed his internship and residency at New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston. He subsequently completed a fellowship in anatomy and cell biology at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston (now Brigham and Women's Hospital). Following his fellowship, Dr. Madara joined the faculty of Harvard Medical School where he rose to a full tenured professor and served as director of the Harvard Digestive Diseases Center.

Dr. Madara and his wife Vicki have two children: Max and Alexis.

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