



## **Jordan J. Cohen, M.D.**

Jordan J. Cohen, M.D., is the AAMC's president emeritus. During his 12 years as the president of the association (1994-2006), Dr. Cohen launched new initiatives in each of the association's mission areas of education, research and patient care; expanded and modernized the AAMC's services for medical students, applicants, residents, and constituents; strengthened the association's communications, advocacy, and data gathering efforts, and established many initiatives for improving medical education and clinical care. As the voice of academic medicine for more than a decade, Dr. Cohen also spoke extensively on the need to promote greater racial and ethnic diversity in medicine, to uphold professional and scientific values, and to transform the nation's health care system.

In addition to serving as the AAMC's president emeritus, Dr. Cohen is chairman of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, which advances humanism in medicine through innovations in medical education. He also serves on the board of directors of the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation of New York, the Foundation for Biomedical Research, Morehouse School of Medicine, National Medical Fellowships, and the Qatar Foundation for Education, Science & Community Development. He is also a member of the Special Medical Advisory Group of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Prior to becoming president of the AAMC, Dr. Cohen spent 40 years in academic medicine at some of the nation's most prestigious institutions. He was dean of the medical school and professor of medicine at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and president of the medical staff at University Hospital. Before joining SUNY-Stony Brook, Dr. Cohen was professor and associate chairman of Medicine at the University of Chicago-Pritzker School of Medicine, and physician-in-chief and chairman of the Department of Medicine at the Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center. He also held medical faculty positions at Harvard, Brown, and Tufts universities and was president of the medical staff at the New England Medical Center Hospital in Boston.

Dr. Cohen has also held a wide variety of leadership positions in almost all aspects of academic medicine, including chair of the American Board of Internal Medicine and of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, as well as president of the Association of Program Directors of Internal Medicine. A member of the American College of Physicians since 1978, he served as vice chair of its Board of Regents and chair of its Education Policy Committee, and he was awarded a mastership from the college in 1993. In 1994, Dr. Cohen was named a member of the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine.

He is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Medical School and completed his postgraduate training in internal medicine on the Harvard service at the Boston City Hospital. He completed a fellowship in nephrology at the Tufts-New England Medical Center. His chief areas of research interest were acid-base metabolism and renal physiology. He is the author of more than 100 articles and is the former editor of *Kidney International's Nephrology Forum*.