

David H. Aizuss, MD, is a board-certified ophthalmologist living in Calabasas, Calif., where he runs Ophthalmology Associates of the Valley, a multispecialty ophthalmology group. Dr. Aizuss completed nearly 40 years on the faculty of the UCLA Stein Eye Institute and David Geffen UCLA School of Medicine as assistant clinical professor of ophthalmology in 2023.

First elected to the American Medical Association Board of Trustees in June 2020, Dr. Aizuss began his active advocacy in organized medicine early and has participated in the AMA his entire career, attending his first AMA annual meeting in 1978 while attending medical school at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago. Later, in June 1979, he was elected to the AMA Medical Student Section Governing Council.

After graduating from medical school, he completed his internship at Evanston Hospital, then part of the McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University, followed by his residency in ophthalmology and fellowship in cornea and external diseases at the UCLA School of Medicine's Stein Eye Institute. As a resident he was elected to the AMA Resident and Fellow Section Governing Council for three terms and, beginning in 1982, he also served as a member of the AMA House of Delegates as a member of the California delegation.

In 1988 Dr. Aizuss was appointed the alternate delegate representing the American Academy of Ophthalmology in the AMA House of Delegates before assuming the delegate position from 1993 to 1995 while he simultaneously served on the Service and Specialty Societies Caucus Governing Council. Subsequently, Dr. Aizuss took a break from his AMA activities to devote his attention to his young family. He resumed his AMA activities by becoming a delegate from the California Medical Association (CMA) in 2010. He was appointed in 2017 to the AMA Council on Legislation. Subsequently, Dr. Aizuss was elected to the AMA Board of Trustees in 2020. In 2023 he was elected as the Board of Trustees' secretary and in 2024 as the Board's chair-elect. He became Board chair in 2025.

Active in a broad range of key leadership positions in his state and local specialty societies, Dr. Aizuss has served as president of the California Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons, the Los Angeles Society of Ophthalmology, and the Los Angeles County Medical Association. He was elected to the CMA Board of Trustees in 2010 going on to become board chair in 2014 through 2017 and president of the CMA in 2018. When he concluded his term as immediate past president of the CMA in October 2021, he had served on the CMA Executive Committee for 10 years.

Dr. Aizuss has previously served as chief of surgery at Encino Hospital, as vice chief of staff at Providence Cedars Sinai Tarzana Medical Center, and as chair of the board of the Specialty Surgery Center of Encino. He is presently on the board of Freedom Vision Surgery Center in Encino, California.

Dr. Aizuss is married to his wife, Felicia, for 36 years and has two daughters, Amanda, a software engineer and Julia, an associate editor of an intellectual quarterly.