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**Palmer Edwards, MD, DFAPA,  
Immediate Past-President  
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Palmer Edwards, MD, DFAPA, is a psychiatrist practicing in Winston-Salem, NC, and the immediate past president of the North Carolina Medical Society.

An NCMS member since 1992 - nearly 30 years - Dr. Edwards has been involved in many important leadership roles during that time including serving on the NCMS Foundation's Board of Trustees and being a member of the NCMS Board of Directors for the past 10 years. Dr. Edwards is an alumnus of the Society's Leadership College and has mentored future health care leaders through the program.



He is Past President of the NC Psychiatric Association, Past President of the Forsyth-Stokes-Davie County Medical Society and founding President of the Forsyth County Psychiatric Society. He also served on the Board of Directors of the NC Professionals Health Program (formerly the Physicians Health Program, NCPHP).

Dr. Edwards is a graduate of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine, and completed both his adult psychiatry residency and child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at Vanderbilt University.

He is board-certified in adult psychiatry, and child and adolescent psychiatry. In addition to his private practice, he is a clinical associate professor in the Wake Forest University School of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine and a psychiatric consultant to the Wake Forest University School of Medicine's Adult Medicine Clinic.

Medicine runs in his family. Dr. Edwards grew up in the eastern North Carolina town of Washington, the son of a physician. He saw firsthand the challenges and rewards of being a small-town doctor. Later, a University of North Carolina/Duke University health policy course placed him in Washington, DC, working for the chair of the US House Public Health Committee. This experience helped him appreciate the nuances and complexities involved in developing sound public policy and has helped him be a calm voice of wisdom in his subsequent leadership roles.