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Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH, FAMIA, FASA, serves as Director of the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment (AHW) and Senior Associate Dean and Professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) School of Medicine. He divides his time among clinical practice, research, and directing the strategic and operational advancement of AHW, a statewide philanthropy established by MCW to serve as a resource to health research, education, and community initiatives across Wisconsin.


Under Dr. Ehrenfeld's leadership, AHW has awarded an average of \$16 million in grant awards annually into community and research initiatives aimed at improving health and advancing health equity in Wisconsin. In 2020, he led the coordination of AHW's rapid response to the COVID-19 pandemic, deploying more than \$4.8 million in grants to partners across the state. He was named by Managed Healthcare Executive Magazine as one of its 10 Emerging Industry Leaders.



Prior to joining the Medical College of Wisconsin, where he is a tenured Professor of Anesthesiology in the MCW School of Medicine, Dr. Ehrenfeld was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology, Critical Care and Pain Medicine at Harvard Medical School (2010). From 2010-2012 he was an Assistant Professor in the Departments of Anesthesiology and Biomedical Informatics at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine (VUSM). He served as Associate Professor in the Departments of Anesthesiology, Biomedical Informatics, Surgery, and Health Policy at VUSM from 2012-2017, when he was promoted to professor. Dr. Ehrenfeld also has appointments as Adjunct Professor of Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (Bethesda, Md.) and previously served as co-chair of the Navy Surgeon General's Taskforce on Personalized and Digital Medicine and as special advisor to the 20th U.S. Surgeon General.

Active in the American Medical Association (AMA) since medical school, Dr. Ehrenfeld was inaugurated as the organization's 178th president in 2023, having been elected to the esteemed AMA Board of Trustees in 2014 and serving as chair in 2019-2020. Previously he has served on the governing councils of both the AMA Resident and Fellow Section and the AMA Young Physicians Section, as well as the governing boards of the American Society of Anesthesiologists Resident Component and the Illinois State Medical Society. Dr. Ehrenfeld is a former speaker for the Massachusetts Medical Society, where he was the youngest officer in the 228-year history of the organization.

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Dr. Ehrenfeld has long advocated on behalf of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) individuals. In 2020, he was named a Notable LGBTQ Executive by BizTimes Milwaukee. Previously he served as chair of the Massachusetts Committee on LGBT Health, chair of the Massachusetts General Hospital LGBT Employee Resource Group, a member of the Board Committee on Quality at Fenway Community Health Center, and a member of the AAMC LGBTI Liaison Group. He co-founded and directed the Vanderbilt Program for LGBTQ Health. In 2017, he received the Diversity Champion Award from the Tennessee Hospital Association. In 2018, in recognition of his outstanding research contributions, he received the inaugural Sexual and Gender Minority Research Investigator Award from the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). For his work in capturing photographs and supporting the lives of LGBTQ people, Dr. Ehrenfeld was recognized in 2015 with a White House News Photographers Association award and, in 2016, with an Emmy nomination for his work on the New York Times-produced documentary, “Transgender, at War and in Love.”

Dr. Ehrenfeld is a combat veteran and former U.S. Navy Commander who deployed to Afghanistan during both Operation Enduring Freedom and Resolute Support Mission where he cared for servicemembers wounded in combat.

Dr. Ehrenfeld’s research, which focuses on understanding how information technology can improve patient safety, outcomes, and health equity, has been funded by the NIH, the Department of Defense, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation, the Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research, and the AMA. The unifying theme of his work has been to advance understanding of the science behind how technology can change behavior, reduce variability, and facilitate improved health system reliability and performance. His work has led to the presentation of more than 250 abstracts as well as the publication of more than 200 peer-reviewed manuscripts. He is editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Medical Systems* and has co-authored 18 clinical textbooks. He also provides advice and support to the World Health Organization (WHO) Digital Health Technical Advisory Group as an expert in digital health.

Dr. Ehrenfeld earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Haverford College, his MD from the University of Chicago-Pritzker School of Medicine, and a Master of Public Health degree from the Harvard University School of Public Health. From 2004-2005 he completed an internship in medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital (Boston, Mass.), and completed a residency in anesthesiology within the Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Anesthesiology, Critical Care and Pain Medicine from 2005-2008. He also completed an informatics research fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital from 2008-2010. He is board certified in anesthesiology and clinical informatics.

Dr. Ehrenfeld lives in Milwaukee, Wis., with his husband, Judd Taback, an attorney, their son, Ethan, and their dogs Sam and Ira.

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