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Dr. Joanne Schwartzberg is Director of Aging and Community Health at the American Medical Association. She received her B.A. from Harvard and M.D. from Northwestern and is Clinical Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine and Community Health at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine. Dr. Schwartzberg is a past-president of the Institute of Medicine of Chicago, the Illinois Geriatrics Society, and the American Academy of Home Care Physicians.

The recipient of prestigious awards, including Physician of the Year from the National Association for Home Care (1988) and the Physician of the Year from the American Academy of Home Care Physicians (1992), Dr. Schwartzberg served in 1995 as co-chair of the Illinois Delegation to the White House Conference on Aging, Caucus on Health and Social Services. She was appointed by President George W. Bush to the Advisory Committee of the 2005 White House Conference on Aging.

Since January 2002, Dr. Schwartzberg has directed the AMA Older Drivers Project to increase physician awareness of older driver safety issues and to encourage physicians to address these issues in their clinical practice. Based on the work of a multidisciplinary panel of experts – including researchers in the field of driver safety and representatives from medical specialty societies, patient advocacy groups and government agencies – the AMA, with support from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, published the seminal 2003 *Physician's Guide to Assessing and Counseling Older Drivers*. An updated 2nd edition of the *Guide* was published in 2010, including a Continuing Medical Education program.