

**Bio: Michael Baron MD, MPH, DFASAM, FAPA**

Michael Baron obtained an MD and MPH degree at Tulane University. He completed his Anesthesiology residency at Washington University in St Louis and his Psychiatry residency at Vanderbilt University. He is board certified in Anesthesiology, Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Vanderbilt University. In 2006, he published original research showing that high dose opioids increased chronic pain scores.

Dr. Baron was appointed to the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners (BME) in 2010 and reappointed in 2015. He helped write many different Tennessee Department of Health rules pertaining to the treatment of pain, prescribing controlled substances, and Office-Based Opioid Treatment. He also served on two workgroups for the Federation of State Medical Boards: Physician Sexual Misconduct and Physician Illness and Impairment. Dr. Baron resigned from the Tennessee BME in January 2017 to accept the Medical Director position of the Tennessee Medical Foundation – Physician’s Health Program.

Dr. Baron joined the Federation of State Physician Health Programs in 2017. In May of 2022, he was elected to serve as President-Elect of the FSPHP. He gives about 40-to-50 lectures per year, many of them by invitation and at the national level.