

Bio: Michael Baron MD, MPH, DFASAM, FAPA

Dr. Baron obtained an MD and MPH degree from 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. In 2023 he helped write 2 book chapters: “Fitness for Duty” for the *Encyclopedia for Neurological Disorders* and “Supporting Patients Working in Safety Sensitive Occupations” for the 4th *Edition of the ASAM Criteria*. Dr. Baron was installed as President of the FSPHP in May of 2024.