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A board certified internist, Dr. Bensema spent 16 years in private practice in Lexington before he became the executive director of physician services for Central Baptist Hospital, now Baptist Health Lexington, and medical director of Baptist Physicians Lexington, Inc. As chief medical information officer for Baptist Health from July 2013 to April 2014, Dr. Bensema led the task force to select a new information technology system and served on the task force to develop an electronic personal health record.

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Dr. Bensema has participated in the start-up of three life insurance companies and became board certified in insurance medicine in 2004. He is a past president of the Kentucky Medical Association (KMA), having served from 2014-2015 and is a past chair of the KMA Board of Trustees and currently is Chair of the Budget Committee. In addition, he serves on the e-Health Board for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, is a past president of the Lexington Medical Society, and is a founding investor and board member for the Bank of Lexington.

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