



**ASBMR Executive Director
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Ann L. Elderkin, P.A. is Executive Director of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR), the world's largest professional, scientific and medical society established to bring together clinical and experimental scientists involved in the study of bone and mineral metabolism. With almost half its members from outside the United States, ASBMR is proactive in shaping research and facilitating the translation of that science to health care and clinical practice worldwide.

A driving force in the development of the National Action Plan for Bone Health and the National Bone Health Alliance, the ASBMR works closely with the National Coalition for Osteoporosis and Related Bone Diseases (the Bone Coalition), comprised of ASBMR, the National Osteoporosis Foundation, the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation, The Paget Foundation and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

A leader with a reputation for making a difference in the health care industry, Elderkin has more than 25 years of experience in health care leadership positions, directing health care policy development, managing public health administrations and providing medical services as a physician assistant. Prior to joining ASBMR, Elderkin served as project director and managing editor of *Bone Health and Osteoporosis: A Report of the Surgeon General*, released in October 2004. She also directed projects on women's mental health and health care services.

Elderkin served in the Office of the Surgeon General of the United States as a Senior Health Policy Fellow and Consultant from 2000 to 2002. From 1990 to 2000, she was director of the City of Somerville (Massachusetts) Health Department and also served as director of the City of Portland (Maine) Public Health Division.

Elderkin has received many awards for her work, including: the Surgeon General Exemplary Service Award in 2002; the American Medical Association Dr. Nathan Davis Award for Outstanding Career Public Servant at the Local Level in 1995; the American Cancer Society Making a Difference Award for Outstanding Community Service in 1995; the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Partners in Prevention Award in 1995; and the American Cancer Society Award for Extraordinary Effort and Results, recognizing leadership in tobacco-control regulations in 1992.

Elderkin has a bachelor's degree in human services from the University of Massachusetts and a Physician Associate Certificate from Yale University School of Medicine.