

## *Ronald P. Bangasser, M.D.*

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The Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA) mourns the loss of our very dear friend and colleague, Ron Bangasser. A family physician and Director of External Affairs at Beaver Medical Group in Redlands and Medical Director of the Wound Care Department at Redlands Hospital, Dr. Bangasser joined the board of directors of IHA in 2001 and served on the Pay for Performance Steering Committee and as chair of the Pay for Performance Technical Committee. Even though he was nearing the end of his battle with cancer, Dr. Bangasser did a radio interview on pay for performance, a medical issue close to his heart, from his hospital bed.

In addition to his tireless devotion to IHA, Dr. Bangasser served as President of the California Medical Association from 2003 to 2004, and was a member of the California delegation to the American Medical Association and the Vice President of the AMA Foundation's board of directors. He was active in countless state and national organizations committed to improving healthcare quality. Dr. Bangasser was not only a creative and energetic health care leader, but also a warm and caring family doctor, a loving husband and father of two daughters, and a scuba diving enthusiast.

Dr. Bangasser's death is a tremendous loss to all of us – his family, his friends, his patients, and his colleagues. His memory serves as an inspiration to IHA, its members, and all its associates dedicated to the goal of improving the quality of healthcare.