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Bio
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Don is a retired general surgeon with lengthy experience in medical management during his 30 year career with Colorado Kaiser Permanente, the last ten years as Permanente Federation Vice-President for Government Affairs based in Washington, D.C., where he was a founding board member of the National Patient Safety Foundation. In addition to clinical medicine, his range of interests includes public health, health care policy, nutrition, climate change, preventive medicine, and medical ethics. He served as Chair of the Community Advisory Board of St. Anthony Summit Medical Center for 5 years and thereafter for 4 years sat on the Centura Mountain North Denver Operating Group Board, chairing its Community Health Value Committee which documented and promoted system-wide health care quality, safety, and cost of care.

He has also helped coordinate Rotary-sponsored Summit County's 9 Health Fair for 10 years, serves on and chaired the board of the FQHC Summit Community Care Clinic, is a member of various boards, including 9 Health Fair (Chairs the Medical Advisory Committee), Group to Alleviate Smoking Pollution (GASP) of Colorado, High Country Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, St. Anthony Summit Health Foundation (past Chair). He founded the Infant Bioethics Committee in the early '80's at St. Joseph Hospital and served on the larger hospital Bioethics Committee for 7 years as well as the Kaiser Permanente Ethics Committee, and, more recently, on the St. Anthony Summit Medical Center ethics committee for 12 years. He is a member of the board of Colorado Health Ethics Forum.

He serves on the board of The Rotary Club of Summit County, and the Naturopathic Physician Advisory Committee (DORA), among others. He is a past President of the Colorado Chapter of the American Cancer Society, Colorado Public Health Association, the Denver Medical Society, the Colorado Foundation for Medical Care, the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, the Summit Community Care Clinic (FQHC), and the Summit County Elks Lodge. He served four years as Mayor Pro-tem of the town of Dillon and as Chair of the Dillon Planning

Commission. He was named The Summit Foundation Citizen of the Year in 2012, and Community Health Charities Health Hero of 2017.

He received a BA degree (Biological Sciences, Cum Laude) from Stanford University, MD from the University of Rochester (AOA honor society), and served his surgical residency at the University of Colorado. Following internship he spent two years in the US Public Health Service assigned to the Peace Corps in Somalia. He has an Executive Program business certificate from the University of North Carolina. He is divorced with three adult children and four grandchildren, two in Summit County. He enjoys grandchildren, pets, swimming, hiking, snow shoeing, travel, reading, politics, opera, board meetings, and a vegan diet.