

Preface

“Succeeding from medical school to practice” is a comprehensive resource that helps you confront the nonclinical demands of training and the practice environment. Developed by your AMA physician colleagues, this easy-to-navigate resource features tips, links and streaming video that is organized to help medical students, residents, fellows and young physicians prepare for a successful career in medicine.

[Medical school and residency \(745 KB\)](#)

Addressing the first major transition point of a physician-in-training, this section helps you answer important questions about:

- How to prepare for the match
- What are the duty hour standards and how to deal with violations
- What are the requirements for board certification
- How is medical education funded
- How to take advantage of foreign residency rotations
- How to budget and manage personal finances

[Preparing for practice \(362 KB\)](#)

Being prepared to transition into practice means knowing what to consider and what actions to take while still in training. This section prepares you with resources such as:

- How to write a CV, prepare for interviews and find job opportunities
- How to get credentialed and obtain hospital privileges
- What to look for in medical liability and disability insurance policies
- What to consider in selecting a practice setting and geographical location

Joining, purchasing or starting a practice (1.6 MB)

Now that you've decided to join, purchase or start a practice, this section takes you through your next steps with resources including:

- How to negotiate an employment contract
- How to set up and market a practice
- How to value a medical practice for purchase or buy-in
- How to deal with the challenges of managed care

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