The AMA “Members Move Medicine” series profiles a wide variety of doctors, offering a glimpse into the passions of women and men navigating new courses in American medicine.

**On the move with:** Toluwalase A. Ajayi, MD (@tajayiMD), who goes by Lase, is a pediatrician and palliative care physician at the University of California San Diego and Scripps Health. Dr. Ajayi is chair-elect of the AMA Young Physicians Section Governing Council.

**AMA member since:** 2013.

**What inspired me to pursue a career in medicine:** Going through the health system as a child immigrant made me want to provide better care for all children.

**How I move medicine:** Through my clinical practice and research. I am a community pediatric hospitalist, pediatric hospice physician, adult palliative care physician, and I conduct digital health research on how to provide more patient-centered care for pediatric and adult patients with serious illnesses.

**Advice I’d give to those interested in pursuing a career in medicine:** Be brave and vulnerable enough to ask questions. You can’t know everything.

**How I give back to the community:** I am involved in health care advocacy at a local, state, specialty and national level. I play with my children and allow them to see the world around them and teach them how they can impact it for the better.

**Aspect of my work that means the most:** I guess it would have to be the current thread that they all have. I love getting to know how I can provide the most effective, compassionate care to some of our most vulnerable patients.

**My hope for the future of medicine:** That we can look past our individual self-interests and come together as a house of medicine and push for practices, policies and care that benefit all our patients.