Join your colleagues virtually in June for educational sessions on the topics that matter most to you. All times are Central.

**All sections plenary session: Transforming health care for a post-pandemic world**

**June 5: 9–10:15 a.m.**

As more people are vaccinated and our communities reopen, we can all start to wonder how health care will change after the pandemic ends. Join us on June 5 for a discussion with Shantanu Nundy, MD, author of “Care After COVID: What the Pandemic Revealed Is Broken in Healthcare and How to Reinvent It,” and a panel of AMA experts as we explore what health care advocacy, equity, innovation and outcomes will look like in our post-pandemic world.

Section meeting registrants will automatically receive an email with a Zoom link to join the plenary session. If you did not receive an email with your Zoom link, please register now.

**Special guest**

- Shantanu Nundy, MD, CMO of Accolade

**Panelists**

- Todd Askew, AMA senior vice president of advocacy
- Meg Barron, AMA vice president of digital health innovations
- Karen Kmetik, PhD, AMA group vice president of health outcomes
- Aletha Maybank, MD, MPH, AMA chief health equity officer and senior vice president

**Host**

- Todd Unger, AMA chief experience officer and senior vice president
CME sessions

These educational sessions offer *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™*:

- Busharat Ahmad, MD, Leadership Development Program: “Leadership in time of a pandemic” *(June 5)*
- Private practice: Where we stand today; how we lead into tomorrow *(June 5)*
- The future of aging and its impact on health care: If we live healthier, can we live longer? *(June 6)*
- The COVID-19 “long-hauler” syndrome—facts, fallacies and the unknown *(June 6)*

This educational session offers *AMA PRA Category 1.25 Credit(s)™*:

- African, Black, and Caribbean voices—Patient narratives as a means to counter racism and unconscious bias in medicine *(June 6)*

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**Saturday, June 5**

1–1:30 p.m.

**Slurs, slander, & rejection of care**

Due to the nature of our profession, physicians have a moral and professional duty to act in the best interest of the patient, to adhere to patient preferences and to treat all patients, regardless of circumstance. But what happens when a patient expresses prejudice or discrimination against a physician or trainee? Join the Committee of Bioethics and Humanities with a case-based panel discussion on how to respond to such explicit acts of bias, prejudice and discrimination.

**Panelists**

- Sachin Jain, MD, MBA
- Sylk Sott, EdD, MPS, MBA
2–3:30 p.m.

Busharat Ahmad, MD Leadership Development Program: “Leadership in Time of a Pandemic” (CME available)

Build your leadership skills and participate in the policy process while networking with peers—plus earn free CME! This year’s program will feature Major General Sandra Finan who will discuss leadership as a function of dealing with varied issues, shifting responsibilities and handling organizational leadership and crisis management.

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2:50–3:50 p.m.

Private practice: Where we stand today, how we lead into tomorrow (CME available)

Learn about the most up-to-date AMA research on private practice and gain insights about what is behind the numbers with Carol Kane, PhD, director, AMA economic & health policy research. Also, Michael Tutty, PhD, group vice president of professional satisfaction and practice sustainability, and Kathleen Blake, MD, vice president of healthcare quality, will discuss preliminary results from the AMA’s survey on high performing practices and share tips for success in private practice. In closing, Bobby Mukkamala, MD, chair-elect, AMA Board of Trustees, will offer his aspirations for the future of private practice and thoughts on how the PPSs can lead to sustain private practice as a viable practice setting for future generations of physicians and patients.

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Panelists

Carol Kane, PhD, AMA director of economic & health policy research
Michael Tutty, PhD, AMA group vice president of professional satisfaction and practice sustainability
Kathleen Blake, MD, AMA vice president of healthcare quality
Bobby Mukkamala, MD, AMA Board of Trustees chair-elect

3:30–6:30 p.m.

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The effects of the elimination of the USMLE Step 2 CS on IMGs

This year’s IMG business meeting will feature William Pinsky, MD, from the Educational Commission on Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) and Alex Mechaber, MD, from the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME), who will discuss “The effects of the elimination of the USMLE Step 2 CS on IMGs.”

5–5:30 p.m.

A match made in breakout rooms

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted all dimensions of medical education, with one of the biggest being the transition to an untested virtual residency application process. Although many challenges have arisen from this abrupt change, so too have opportunities to innovate and ultimately improve the residency application process in the long term. During this program, we will be presenting the results of a nationwide survey of medical students who applied to residency this application cycle as well as facilitating a panel discussion with leaders in this domain about other research and initiatives.

Panelists

- Kimberly Lomis, MD
- Nathan R. Selden, MD, PhD, FACS, FAAP
- David Wininger, MD

Sunday, June 6

10 a.m.–Noon

Foundational concepts in LGBTQ health: From principle to practice

LGBTQ+ individuals face historic and current challenges regarding health and well-being. To help center equity for LGBTQ+ patients, medical students and physicians can learn how to overcome barriers and seize opportunities inside and outside the clinical environment through greater awareness, identification of best practices, and knowledge of resources. Join well-known expert Jessica Halem for a lively exploration of how you can make a difference as advocates for LGBTQ+ health and well-being. Bring your questions on patient care, teaching, and engagement for group discussion, expert input, and collective learning.

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11 a.m.–Noon

Mergers & acquisitions: How did we get here and how can we do better?

COVID-19 has exposed health systems and physician practices to greater vulnerability to merger and acquisition activity. Additionally, private equity acquisitions are growing, and financially vulnerable health systems could be ripe targets for these firms. Co-authors David Dranove, PhD and Robert Burns, PhD share insights from their new book *Big Med: Megaproviders and the High Cost of Health Care in America*. They’ll shed light on the market forces driving M&A activity and the potential impact on physicians and physician leaders.

Presenters

David Dranove, PhD
Robert Burns, PhD

11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Fixing the leaky pipeline—Attrition of women during medical training

This session will identify the issues and factors that lead to the attrition of women within the medical profession, barriers to their career advancement, and possible interventions that can be implemented both locally and nationally.

Speakers

Wendy K. Bernstein, MD
Mollie Marr, PhD, MS3

11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m.

African, Black, and Caribbean voices: Patient narratives as a means to counter racism and unconscious bias in medicine (CME available)

Join the Academic Physicians Section (APS) and the Minority Affairs Section (MAS) to explore narratives from underserved populations, in particular African, Black, and Caribbean patients, demonstrating their experiences of systemic racism, bias, prejudice, and stereotyping in their
interactions with the health care system. Academic physicians, and all others interested in progress towards health equity, will gain insights into improving trust within the patient-physician relationship and expanding individual stories to actions combating health disparities at the systemic level.

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**Speakers**

- Khanh-Van T. Le-Bucklin, MD, MEd
- Candice Taylor Lucas, MD, MPH, FAAP
- Bukky Akingbola, DO, MBA
- Elizabeth Valencia, MD, JD
- Kaosoluchi Enendu, MD, MBA
- Carol A. Major, MD

**Noon–12:30 p.m.**

**Environmental injustice**

Did you know that your zip code can predict your life expectancy more than your DNA? Environmental injustice is the disproportionate burden of environmental hazards and pollutants on vulnerable communities. These hazards can vary from air pollution to water contamination to housing conditions. Join CBH in exploring the topic of environmental injustice, its intersection with systemic discrimination, and ways to take action against environmental racism in order to better understand and serve our specific patient community demographics.

**Speaker**

- Anne Nigra, ScM, Ph.D.

**Noon–1 p.m.**

**The COVID-19 “long-hauler” syndrome–facts, fallacies and the unknown (CME available)**

While coronavirus symptoms resolve within two or four weeks in most infected individuals, approximately 10-20% of patients have persistent and often debilitating symptoms which may persist for a prolonged and undefined time period. The program will include a discussion of the "long-hauler" syndrome by those caring for these patients and sharing of the perspective of a physician who has been affected by this syndrome.

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Moderator

Louis Weinstein, MD

Speakers

Aluko A. Hope, MD, MSCE
Shannon G. Caspersen, MD

Panelists

Shiwei Zhou, MD
Ved V. Gossain, MD

2–3 p.m.

The future of aging and its impact on health care: If we live healthier, can we live longer? (CME available)

The search to extend lifespan is gaining interest, but can we truly reverse the biology of aging? This program will explore the health and public policy implications associated with individual and population aging and look at the global implications of the re-emergence of infectious diseases, including parasite diseases.

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Speaker

S. Jay Olshansky, PhD

Friday, June 11

Noon–1 p.m.

#MeToo in medicine roundtable discussion
Co-sponsored by the LGBTQ AC, Minority Affairs Section & Women Physicians Section

Brave individuals in the #MeToo movement have exposed widespread sexual harassment across many industries. Medicine is no exception. This session will examine the #MeToo movement in medicine and help young physicians identify the realities of sexual impropriety in health care and how to create change to create a safer, more equitable training environment and workplace.

YPS Chair-elect Laura Faye Gephart, MD, MBA will lead a panel discussion with:

- Fatima Cody Stanford, MD, MPH, MPA, MBA, physician scientist at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School
- Tina Tchen, JD, president and CEO of TIME’S UP Now and the TIME’S UP Foundation.

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**On-demand sessions**

**Access as your schedule permits.**

**Burnout, barriers and resilience**

This panel-style presentation features the perspectives and insights of medical students, residents and attending physicians who identify as an underrepresented ethnic minority and/or as a member of the LGBTQ+ community. By listening to the panelists’ personal and professional experiences with adversity and burnout, attendees may develop a greater appreciation of the importance of diversity, advocacy and equitable representation in the study and practice of medicine.

**Speakers**

- Chase Anderson, MD, MS
- Elizabeth Bonachea, MD
- Cynthia Kuk, MS

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**Machine learning**

Machine learning is slowly being recognized in medicine as a valuable tool for a wide array of processes, ranging from differential diagnosis to vaccine design. However, the term has become a buzzword, leading to confusion about what machine learning entails, and a risk that physicians either do not see the advantages in machine learning, or fail to notice the weaknesses. This session seeks to educate doctors and medical students on the fundamentals of machine learning, its application in a
clinical setting and possible risks with this technology.

Speakers

Herbert Chase, MD, MA
Ravi Parikh, MD, MPP, FACP

Medical school debt: Options to help medical students with crushing debt

The median sum of medical school debt in 2020 was $200,000 for students graduating MD programs, and mean debt was $233,836 for students graduating DO programs. These levels of debt have impacts on specialty choice and limit diversity. This session will feature a panel of experts who can highlight different options for loan repayment.

Speakers

Alexis Pierce, JD
Heather Smith, MD, MPH

MSS parliamentary procedures workshop

An interactive program, led by seasoned medical student leaders, to learn how the MSS Assembly uses “Parli-Pro,” how you can improve your skills and knowledge in this area, and ways to stay informed during open debate at MSS Assembly Meetings.

Post COVID-19 medical legislation

Medical students and other trainees must be aware of the ever changing laws set forth during COVID-19. This session aims to provide an overview of the laws that have been created and/or altered during the COVID-19 pandemic that are relevant to medical students. Medical students will also gain an understanding of how policy is made at the federal level during a crisis, and learn how temporary health care laws achieve permanent status in a post pandemic world.

Speakers

Nicolas P. Terry
Cynthia Brown, JD
Tribal sovereignty in health care

According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, 91% of MD-granting institutions enroll three or fewer American Indian and Alaska Native (AI-AN) medical students. Despite the growth and expansion of medical schools, AI-AN students have seen minimal gains in representation across the medical education continuum, spanning from undergraduate medical education to academic faculty ranks. Panelists will discuss the sociopolitical barriers toward the equitable recruitment, training, and graduation of qualified AI-AN medical students and physicians in the United States and community-driven solutions. They will also discuss a historic first: the launch of Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation, the country’s first tribal-affiliated medical school.

Speakers

- Daniel Calac, MD
- Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin, Jr.
- Mary Owen, MD

Why housing matters in health

Housing in historically redlined districts, regions that faced discriminatory lending practices that led to deliberate lower economic investment in Black communities, has been associated with an increased prevalence of chronic, life-threatening illnesses. Given the economic struggle many vulnerable populations have faced during the COVID-19 pandemic, experts suggest that a housing crisis may come when eviction moratoriums end. This program aims to inform those who wish to learn more about the enormous impact housing has on health and the current policies that seek to address the issues.

Speakers

- Alaina Boyer, PhD
- Kelly Doran, MD, MHS
- Robert Fullilove, EdD

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