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Speakers' Letter

2018 Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates
June 9–13, 2018 Hyatt Regency Chicago

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following information is provided to aid your planning for the upcoming Annual Meeting in Chicago. We would particularly like to call your attention to childcare services that will be available in Chicago (see page 3), the elections (see page 3), seating availability in the House (see page 2), a planned orientation for new delegates (see page 16), and a note about the Surgeon General speaking to the House (see page 16).

Please call 312.464.4463, send an email to hod@ama-assn.org or visit ama-assn.org/annual-meeting if you have questions regarding any of the following items or questions on American Medical Association (AMA) policy. Watch the Annual Meeting website for updates to this *Speakers' Letter*.

Susan R Bailey, MD, Speaker
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House of Delegates schedule

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) will meet June 9–13 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The AMA-HOD will convene at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 9 in the Grand Ballroom, and your Speakers ask that delegates be seated by 1:50 p.m. The opening session will start promptly at 2 p.m. and recess by 6 p.m.

On Sunday, June 10, the “Second Opening” of the AMA-HOD will be in session 8–8:30 a.m. to receive items of business, consider acceptance of late resolutions, and extract informational reports and items from the reaffirmation consent calendar. Afterwards reference committee hearings will follow:

Hearings from 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday

Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution & Bylaws	Crystal Ballroom
Reference Committee B	Regency Ballroom B
Reference Committee C	Regency Ballroom C
Reference Committee D	Regency Ballroom D
Reference Committee G	Regency Ballroom A

Hearings from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday

Reference Committee A	Regency Ballroom A
Reference Committee E	Regency Ballroom D
Reference Committee F	Grand Ballroom

Additional business sessions of the AMA-HOD will convene at 2 p.m. Monday, June 11, and 9 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, June 12 and 13. The AMA-HOD will adjourn by noon on Wednesday. Your Speakers ask delegates to schedule departures for the afternoon of Wednesday so that they can give full consideration to the business debated that day.

Delegates and alternate delegates may request special accommodations (eg, an assistive listening device) by contacting the Office of House of Delegates Affairs by email at hod@ama-assn.org or phone 312.464.4344.

Note: All events are at the Hyatt Regency Chicago unless otherwise indicated.

Meeting details and reminders

Handbook distribution

The initial Handbook will be posted on the Annual Meeting [website](#) by May 11 as a single large document as well as in a set of smaller documents collated by reference committee. The Addendum will be posted about May 18, and when it is posted, both the original Handbook and the Addendum will be available separately along with a combined document that interleaves the Addendum with the Handbook. An abridged Handbook containing only the recommendations from reports and the resolve clauses from resolutions will also be available as a Word document.

Hardcopy Handbooks will be mailed by May 18 to delegates and alternate delegates who have previously received paper copies, with the Addendum scheduled to go out on or about May 25. Primary distribution of the Handbook and Addendum will be by download from the Annual Meeting [website](#).

Registration

Registration for the AMA-HOD will be located in the Grand Foyer, which adjoins the Grand Ballroom. For security purposes, all attendees will be required to provide photo identification at the AMA Registration Desk in order to receive their credentials and other materials. Registration will open daily at 7 a.m. and run from Friday, June 8 through Wednesday, June 13.

Delegates and alternate delegates should check with their sponsoring society to ensure that their names have been submitted to the Office of House of Delegates Affairs well ahead of their arrival in Chicago. Under AMA bylaws all delegates and alternate delegates must be credentialed by the society that they will represent. Individuals whose credentials have not been confirmed prior to the Annual Meeting will have to be accompanied to the AMA Registration Desk by an officer of their society in order to register.

Recording of AMA-HOD meetings

Proceedings of AMA meetings may be recorded by audiotape, videotape or otherwise, for use by the AMA. Participation in/attendance at a meeting shall be deemed to confirm the participant's consent to recording and to the AMA's use of such recording.

Seating in the House of Delegates

Because of continued membership growth, the seating of new specialty societies, added regional student and sectional resident delegates and recent action to create parity in the number of constituent (state) society and national medical specialty society delegates, this year's Annual Meeting will have significantly more delegates than last year's meetings. The larger number of delegates requires additional reserved delegate seating and necessarily decreases the space available for open seating at the rear of the Grand Ballroom. For that reason we will provide two auxiliary listening areas with audio and video feeds from the House. The first will be nearly adjacent to the House in one of the Columbus Rooms, with priority for seating in that room given to alternate delegates. The second auxiliary space will be in Riverside Exhibit Hall; to access that area turn left at the bottom of the escalators leading to the staff area.

We expect the largest audience for Saturday's opening session, during which seating will be at a premium. While delegates have a designated seat, if you will be seated in the open seating area, please take only a single seat and move to the center of the row in order to accommodate everyone. During the opening session, we will be joined by a number of international guests as well as young scholars being recognized by the AMA Foundation. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

Meeting attire

Your Speakers have determined that business casual dress is appropriate for the Annual Meeting, although business attire is requested for those seated on the dais during HOD business sessions. Business attire is also proper for the inaugural and dinner-dance, with formal attire (black tie) optional.

Respectful behavior

At the first session of each AMA-HOD meeting, as provided in the [HOD Reference Manual](#), delegates are asked to ratify a code of conduct that reaffirms a commitment to be courteous, respectful and collegial in the conduct of HOD business. Courteous and respectful dealings in all interactions with other delegates and with AMA staff are expected of all attendees at HOD meetings—including social events apart from HOD meetings themselves. Instances of unwelcome or inappropriate behavior should be brought to the attention of the Speakers. Delegates are reminded of their personal responsibility, while engaging with others, to consider how others will interpret their actions and words.

Childcare services

The childcare pilot test will continue at A-18 with service available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. starting on Thursday, June 7 and running through Tuesday, June 12; availability on Wednesday will run from 7 a.m. to noon. Reservations are required to ensure a spot and may be made through the meeting [website](#). An hourly option has been added to the program for this meeting, with a four hour minimum. Hours and prices are as follows:

	<u>Age up to 36 months</u>	<u>Age 3 years and older</u>
Hourly (4 hour minimum)	\$12/hr.....	\$10/hr
Half day (7 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 to 7 p.m.)	\$60.....	\$50
Full day (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)	\$100.....	\$90
Wednesday (7 a.m. to noon)	\$45.....	\$40

There is a \$10 per child registration fee, and prices do not include meals. Additional information and registration are available at accentregister.com/Event/CEvents/6731. To assure space, pre-registration by May 31 is required. Onsite registration will be accepted only if space is available.

The vendor, Accent on Children, is fully licensed, and caregivers have considerable experience in working with children. Staff to child ratios range from 1:2 for infants to 1:8 for school-age children.

Airline and airport transportation discounts

United Airlines is offering a discount that is valid for 3 days prior to and 3 days after the official meeting dates. To obtain the discount when booking online at United.com, click on All Search Options and enter your origin, destination and travel dates. Then enter ZEPB957915 in the Promotions and Certificates offer code box. Available flights will be displayed, and the discounted fare will automatically be calculated after flights are selected. To obtain the discount over the phone, call United Airlines Meetings at 800.426.1122 and mention Z code ZEPB and agreement code 957915. A service fee will apply for phone transactions.

GO Airport Express offers airport shuttle services between O'Hare and Midway Airports and downtown Chicago hotels. A discounted fare is available through the [link](#) on the meeting [website](#) or visit airportexpress.com/reservations and enter "ama" in the Frequent User Login box.

Distribution of nonbusiness items

The "not-for-official-business" bag contains campaign literature, small gifts and other informational material approved by your Speakers. It is distributed at the Opening Session. Material for distribution to the AMA-HOD in the not-for-official-business bag should be delivered to the production area of the AMA Headquarters Office at the Hyatt Regency Chicago by 5 p.m. Thursday, June 7. As a general rule, 1300 copies of items are required for distribution throughout the AMA-HOD. For campaign gifts, at least 750 items are required for distribution in the delegates' seating area; distribution throughout the ballroom requires 1300 items. The decision as to the number of gifts is up to the candidate, but the \$3,085 cap on expenditures for campaign memorabilia applies regardless.

Nominations and elections

The [2018 Election Manual](#) lists candidates for officer positions along with candidates for various council seats who were nominated by the Board of Trustees. A link to candidates' conflict of interest information also appears in the election manual as required by House policy. The election manual is freely accessible, but conflict of interest disclosures are available only to members, who must login to obtain access.

Balloting at A-18

Elections for officer and council positions will be held 7:30–8:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 12 in Columbus K–L. Elections are conducted under the supervision of the chief teller, the assistant election tellers and the Committee on Rules and Credentials. The polls will close 15 minutes before the AMA-HOD reconvenes that morning, and eligible delegates must be in line by 8:45 a.m. in order to vote.

Only duly credentialed delegates are permitted to cast a ballot. An alternate delegate who is seated for a delegate must first be properly re-credentialed as a delegate at the AMA Registration Desk in order to vote in an election. The change from alternate delegate to delegate must be approved by a duly authorized officer of the society in question; see bylaws 2.10.4 and 2.10.4.1.

The following races are scheduled:

- President-elect – vote for one, currently two candidates
- Speaker and Vice Speaker – vote for one each office; currently one candidate each office
- At-large trustee – vote for four, currently nine candidates
- Young physician trustee – vote for one, currently one candidate
- Council on Constitution and Bylaws – vote for three, currently three candidates
- Council on Constitution and Bylaws, Resident – vote for one, currently one candidate
- Council on Medical Education – vote for one, currently two candidates
- Council on Medical Service – vote for four, currently five candidates
- Council on Science and Public Health – vote for three, currently five candidates

Additional nominations are possible during the opening session, which could affect these elections. In the event that a new vacancy arises or a runoff election is required, paper ballots will be distributed to credentialed delegates seated in the House at the time ballots are distributed. House policy requires that all nominees complete a conflict of interest form prior to election. Individuals who anticipate the possibility of a nomination from the floor are urged to contact Roger Brown in the Speakers' Office (roger.brown@ama-assn.org, or phone 312.464.4344). Inquiries will be maintained in confidence.

CEJA nominations

President-elect Barbara L. McAneny, MD, will nominate two members for seats on the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs during the opening session on Saturday, June 9. One nomination will be for a full term on the Council, and the other will be for the resident seat. Both nominees' conflict of interest disclosures will be posted on the AMA website in the week preceding the opening of the House. This will allow the election to proceed on Saturday following the formal nomination by Dr McAneny. Please watch the meeting [website](#) or the [candidate](#) page in the days leading up to the AMA-HOD meeting.

Announcements of candidacy for future elections

Individuals who intend to seek election at the 2019 Annual Meeting are reminded that printed announcements may no longer be distributed in the meeting venue. Announcements provided to us before noon, Monday, June 11 will be projected on the last day of the meeting. An electronic announcement should be submitted to Roger Brown (roger.brown@ama-assn.org) in the Speakers' Office; the preferred format is JPG, but a PDF or PowerPoint slide is also acceptable. Announcements should be sized for 16:9 projection in the House. Submissions will be maintained in confidence until posted. Announcements will be posted online on an updated candidate page after the meeting.

Inauguration of Barbara L. McAneny, MD

The inaugural ceremony for President-elect Barbara L. McAneny, MD, will take place at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 12 in the Crystal Ballroom, with a reception and dinner dance starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. Tickets are required for the dinner dance. Individuals should coordinate reservations, payment and seating with their sponsoring organization but may visit the meeting [website](#) to register online, or contact Registration Services in the AMA's Department of Meeting Services at 312.464.4582. Business or formal attire is requested for the evening.

Online member forums

As mentioned in the meeting information memo, each reference committee includes an online member forum. The forums can be accessed directly at ama-assn.org/hod-forums or via the meeting [website](#). The site will be up no later than when the Handbook is posted, and items from the Addendum will be added as they become available. Instructions are found on the site. All members of the House with email addresses will have been sent an announcement when the online forum is launched. If you do not receive such a notice, please send an email to that effect to patti.wargo@ama-assn.org.

The forums will remain open for commenting up to the opening of the House, but comments posted after Sunday, June 3 are unlikely to be captured in the summary reports that will be posted on the meeting [website](#).

Proceedings of the 2017 Interim Meeting

The [draft](#) of the *Proceedings of the House of Delegates* for the 2017 Interim Meeting (I-17) has been posted in downloadable format on the AMA website. Approval of the minutes from I-17 is an action item on Sunday morning. [PolicyFinder](#) has been updated to reflect actions from I-17 as captured in the *Proceedings*.

Conflict of interest policy

Sponsors of resolutions are reminded that the AMA-HOD has established policy (G-600.060) calling on delegates introducing an item of business to declare any commercial or financial conflict of interest at the time the resolution is submitted and that any such conflict of interest be included with the resolution.

Your Speakers have determined that this policy also applies to resolutions introduced by delegations. The sponsoring delegation must disclose the identity of any delegate or alternate delegate who has a commercial or financial interest with respect to matters addressed in the resolution. If a conflict is disclosed, the notation on the resolution will not contain an individual delegate's name, but will state in substance that, "In accordance with House policy regarding disclosure of conflicts of interest, the delegation has notified the Speaker that one or more delegates has a commercial or financial conflict of interest with respect to the matters addressed in this resolution." For resolutions already submitted, please notify the AMA Office of House of Delegates Affairs. A revised resolution containing the conflict of interest statement will be distributed.

HOD Reference Manual

The *House of Delegates Reference Manual: Procedures, Policies and Practices* provides comprehensive information about the AMA's policy development process. It describes AMA-HOD procedures and may be especially helpful to new delegates, but it is a good reference for all meeting participants. Visit ama-assn.org/sites/default/files/media-browser/public/hod/hod-reference-manual.pdf to access the manual.

2018 Interim Meeting planning

The 2018 Interim Meeting, with its focus on advocacy and legislation, will be held at the Gaylord National in National Harbor, Maryland, Nov. 10–13. Delegates and alternate delegates who are willing to serve on a reference committee at the Interim Meeting are asked to contact the Office of House of Delegates Affairs by stopping in the Headquarters Office or emailing hod@ama-assn.org to let us know about your preferences for a reference committee assignment. Five reference committees will convene at the Interim Meeting:

- Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws: Ethics, bylaws
- Reference Committee B: Legislative advocacy
- Reference Committee F: AMA governance and finance

- Reference Committee J: Advocacy related to medical service, medical practice, insurance and related topics
- Reference Committee K: Advocacy related to science and public health and possibly medical education

Reference Committee C may be added to the list, depending on the volume of business related to medical education. If business is limited, these items will be considered in Reference Committee K.

Insofar as possible, we rely on volunteers to serve on the reference committees, and we strive to place volunteers on reference committees of their choosing. New appointments to Reference Committee F will be made just a few weeks after the Annual Meeting adjourns.

In addition, as is our custom, we will be holding a speaker-to-speaker session at I-18, which is open to anyone interested in discussing meeting processes. Suggestions for the agenda are always welcome and may be sent to hod@ama-assn.org.

Meetings and caucuses

OSMAP

The Organization of State Medical Association Presidents (OSMAP) will hold its semi-annual membership meeting and general session from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, June 8 in Grand Ballroom A. All state medical association presidents, presidents-elect, past presidents and executive directors are welcome and encouraged to attend. An agenda and related meeting materials will be posted on the OSMAP web site (osmapandtheforum.org) prior to the meeting. If you have suggestions for the agenda, contact Brian O. Foy, OSMAP Executive Director, at bfoy11@yahoo.com. Immediately following the general session, OSMAP will host a reception in Grand Ballroom B. All OSMAP members and their invited guests are welcome to attend. RSVP not required.

Surgical Caucus Handbook review

The Surgical Caucus of the AMA will be meeting from 6:45 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 9 in the Comiskey Room for a combined business meeting and handbook review session. Specialties participating in the Caucus are encouraged to send at least one representative to this meeting. Breakfast will be available starting at 6:30 a.m.

Academic Medicine Caucus

All AMA delegates and alternates with an academic appointment are invited to attend the AMA Academic Medicine Caucus, 5–6 p.m. Saturday, June 9 in the Water Tower Room, and/or 8:30–10 a.m. Monday, June 11 in Skyway 260.

Attendees will discuss issues of mutual concern and interest pertaining to academic medicine and review the report of Reference Committee C (on medical education). Come network with your colleagues and share your ideas on how the AMA can continue to provide leadership in medical education. [Learn more](#) about the AMA Academic Physicians Section, which serves as the voice of academic physicians to the AMA HOD.

Rural Medicine Caucus

Join others with an interest in rural medicine from 5 to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 10 in Columbus H to network with colleagues, share ideas on how the AMA might better serve rural physicians and patients, and discuss resolutions that attendees feel are applicable to practice in rural or other low-resource settings. Residents of rural areas have been shown to be generally sicker, poorer, and older than their counterparts in urban areas, and recent research shows that women do not have access to obstetric care in 54% of rural counties. These issues are further compounded by health care workforce shortages and decreased resource availability. The challenges rural patients and those who care for them face result in unique perspectives on the practice of medicine.

All meeting attendees, including delegates and alternate delegates, representatives of state or specialty societies, medical students, residents, section leaders, AMA staff, and board members are invited to attend. Please contact Jordan Warchol, MD, at JordanWarcholMD@gmail.com for more information.

AMA Obesity Caucus

Obesity and overweight affects two out of every three Americans. Join the Obesity Caucus from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 10 in the Hong Kong Room to network with other like-minded individuals trying to make a difference. By attending this caucus, you can work with other state and specialty societies to brainstorm the best path forward.

Private Practice Physician Congress

The Private Practice Physician Congress will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 11 in Columbus I-J. All AMA members interested in the private practice of medicine, including young physicians, residents, fellows and medical students, are invited to join the meeting. The group includes primary care and specialty care physicians. For questions or comments please contact Zuhdi Jasser, MD, Chair, at zuhdi@jasserim.com or 608.721.7186; Tim McAvoy, MD, Vice-Chair, at timothymcavoy@yahoo.com or 414.573.0751; or Barb Hummel, MD, Secretary, at hummelb@ameritech.net or 414.690-6352.

Educational programming

Several education programs will be offered during the 2018 Annual Meeting. All members are welcome to attend any of the education sessions listed below, many of which are sponsored by the sections and special groups. These sessions will be offered Friday, June 8; Saturday, June 9; and Monday, June 11. (Additional information on section-sponsored events can be found [below](#).)

Sessions certified by the AMA for CME credit are indicated by an asterisk (*).

The American Medical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American Medical Association designates each live activity for the maximum number of *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*[™] reflected with each session. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The deadline to claim credit for sessions certified by the AMA is July 31, 2018. The AMA Education Center can be accessed at cme.ama-assn.org/Education.aspx. Click on “Sign In” in the upper right hand corner of the screen, and enter your AMA username and password or create an account. Follow the instructions and complete the evaluation for each activity attended. Physicians will receive a CME certificate; non-physicians will receive a Certificate of Participation. Certificates will be saved in the “My Profile” section.

Attendees who have questions will find the AMA Education Center booth near the Grand Ballroom, where staff can assist learners in claiming credit or printing certificates. You may also contact the AMA Unified Service Center at 800.262.3211.

The American College of Surgeons has also certified one program for credit. It is indicated with a dagger (†). That session is not available on the AMA Education Center.

***Value-based care: Understanding models of risk (2.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits[™])**

9 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Friday, June 8, Crystal Ballroom A

Hosted by the AMA Integrated Physician Practice Section (AMA-IPPS)

Value-based care is receiving growing and broad support within the medical community and in the policy arena on both sides of the aisle. Some physician organizations have already fully transitioned from fee-for-service to various risk models that support value-based care; but many are still trying to figure how to dip a toe in the water. In this program, experts detail five risk models (bundles, CPC+, MSSP, professional risk, and full risk); the skills and infrastructure needed to succeed; and the pros and cons of each. AMA-IPPS is partnering with America’s Physician Group (formerly CAPG) to present a full morning of interactive programming to help learners of all levels make the next move in their “risk bearing” journey.

***Teamwork, communication, and patient safety: Elements of medical staff leadership in patient care**
(1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)

9:30–10:30 a.m. Friday, June 8, Crystal Ballroom B

Hosted by the AMA Organized Medical Staff Section (AMA-OMSS)

Medical staff leaders are key to ensuring a robust culture of patient safety. Your action, or inaction, influences how your staff approach errors and treat their colleagues when an event or near miss occurs. Through fostering a culture of accountability and openness within your medical staff, you can make a lasting impact on the effectiveness of your team and the quality of care delivered to your patients. Learn how to create this empowering culture within your medical staff and lead your colleagues and staff members to change the way they look at events.

Exploring the cutting edge of gene therapy in medicine

10–11 a.m. Friday June 8, Acapulco

Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

Gene therapy, especially germline gene editing in humans, is a controversial issue that will become a widespread reality in the field of medicine. The AMA is at the forefront of providing ethical boundaries and practice recommendations for use of these technologies in medicine. Current AMA policies address stem cell and genetics research but do not address the use of genetic therapies, such as emerging technologies like CRISPR-Cas9. This informational session will explore the topic of gene therapy and initiate a discussion of the important scientific and ethical considerations when using this technology for therapeutic purpose.

***Blockchain in health care: Hype or here to stay? (1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)**

10:45–11:45 a.m. Friday, June 8, Crystal Ballroom B

Hosted by the AMA Organized Medical Staff Section (AMA-OMSS)

What is blockchain and how can it provide opportunities for health care? At its core, blockchain technology is a shared system of recording and securely storing transaction records. Given the perceived benefits and accessibility of this novel system, health care technologists and professionals are exploring how blockchain can be used for secure medical and provider record sharing, protecting sensitive health information from hackers, and providing patients with more access and control over their health information. Join us to learn more about this emerging technology and how it will transform the way that you care for your patients.

A day in the life of me: Tackling prejudice against providers

11 a.m.–Noon Friday June 8, Acapulco

Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

While patients have the right to refuse care, sometimes a patient's refusal of care may be based on overt or implicit bias against a physician. Institutional frameworks to address bias against physicians have arisen, but few healthcare centers have dedicated models to report and address these instances of discrimination, leaving its physicians and trainees vulnerable and unsupported. This session aims to shed light on patient and institutional bias against providers by exploring its prevalence in medicine, identifying what groups are most likely to face discrimination, and highlighting the need for awareness. Through a panel of individuals with various backgrounds, we will explore their perspectives and attendees will come away with a greater understanding of the many forms of prejudice.

How to negotiate your employment contract

1:20–2 p.m. Friday, June 8, **Comiskey** Columbus I-J

Hosted by Academic Physicians Section (AMA-APS) and the Organized Medical Staff Section (AMA-OMSS)

Learn how to negotiate (or renegotiate) your employment contract and mentor medical students and resident/fellow physicians as they begin to explore their career options and enter into practice. Presenting will be Richard Levenstein, partner with the law firm Kramer, Sopko, and Levenstein.

After the smoke clears: Provider well-being after mass casualty incidents

1:30–2:30 p.m. Friday June 8, Acapulco

Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

During any major traumatic event or mass casualty incident, the medical providers take the responsibility of patient care despite the severity of the situation. In the midst of chaos, the providers are focused on care. In the aftermath, the spotlight remains on the victims and the community, often overlooking the medical providers. However, many providers experience PTSD, anxiety, depression, and other psychological reactions that are not addressed after the trauma of the experience. During this session, we hope to discuss provider care and wellbeing when traumatic events occur. Ultimately, we aim to address: How do we care for providers who care for our communities during the most difficult of times?

***Understanding CMS's new BPCI Advanced Model (1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

1:30–3 p.m. Friday, June 8, Crystal Ballroom A

Hosted by the AMA Integrated Physician Practice Section (AMA-IPPS)

The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) recently announced the Administration's first new Medicare alternative payment model, Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced (BPCI Advanced). This voluntary model includes 29 inpatient and 3 outpatient clinical episodes, and operates under a total-cost-of-care concept. Steven Farmer, MD from CMMI will discuss the BPCI Advanced model followed by a reaction panel of physician leaders who will consider the potential pros and cons from their organization's perspective.

***Stakeholders' forum: Educational implications of incorporating precision medicine into a population health model (2.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

3–5:30 p.m. Friday, June 8, Columbus E-F

Hosted by the Council on Medical Education

This forum will engage medical education stakeholders in a discussion of the educational implications of incorporating precision medicine into a population health model. How can precision medicine be used to affect overall population health? What is the role of physicians to ensure that precision medicine will not increase health care disparities when applied as a population health intervention? Which curricular models explore the interface between these models, and what are the implications for physician education? Please join the forum for this important discussion. For questions or more information please contact Karen Heins at karen.heins@ama-assn.org.

***Improving health outcomes for vulnerable patient populations (1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)**

8:30–9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 9, Crystal Ballroom B

Hosted by all AMA Sections and Special Group

Health disparities are common among the elderly, LGBTQ and incarcerated populations. This program will look at the structural, socio-economic, and biological determinants of health among these three patient populations in order to gain insights that will lead to interventions that are more effective.

The featured speakers are Erick Eiting, MD, AMA Young Physicians Section representative, AMA Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Advisory Committee; Dionne Hart, MD, delegate, AMA Minority Affairs Section Governing Council; and Paul Wick, MD, chair, AMA Senior Physicians Section Governing Council. The moderator is Helene Nepomuceno, chair, AMA Medical Student Section Governing Council.

***#MeToo: Sexual harassment and discrimination in medicine (1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)**

9:45–10:45 a.m. Saturday, June 9, Crystal Ballroom B

Hosted by all AMA Sections and Special Group

Sexual harassment and discrimination are prevalent in all aspects of society. This session will help physicians, medical students, and organizations identify and mitigate harassment and discrimination in medicine. Learn how these issues impact patient care and how to reduce unconscious bias and inappropriate behavior in the workplace.

***From disruption to reform: Learn to spark change and move medicine forward (1.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

10:45 a.m.–Noon Saturday, June 9, Columbus C-D

Hosted by all AMA Sections and Special Group

It's an incredible challenge to stay current on issues and find time to advocate for patients. Making a difference doesn't have to take a lot of effort. With just a few key strategies, you have the power to influence the future of medicine. Learn about the most pressing issues in medicine and how to take smart action. We'll be talking about the issues the AMA is working on. This program will provide attendees with an understanding of the current political climate and the tools they need to enact political change at the grassroots level.

***Health care change agents: Traditional and non-traditional players fuel the fire (1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)**

11 a.m.–Noon Saturday, June 9, Crystal Ballroom C

Hosted by all AMA Sections and Special Group

It seems every week another “non-traditional” player enters or combines with another in the health care space, i.e., Amazon and friends, CVS and Aetna, among others. As a practicing or academic physician, resident, or medical student, how can you sift through the noise, open your aperture, and evaluate the potential merit or demerit of other parts of the economy increasingly playing a role in healthcare? This event will allow attendees to engage in discussions with forward-thinking experts.

***Small changes, big results: Innovations in patient-centered technology (1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)**

11 a.m.–Noon Saturday, June 9, Regency Ballroom A-C

Hosted by all AMA Sections and Special Group

With advancements in patient-centered technology, it can be difficult for physicians to navigate new options in this changing landscape. This session will examine key technological advances in patient care and highlight what physicians need to consider when implementing new technologies in their practice. They will also learn how to employ innovations from others in the field that improve care delivery, patient outcomes, and the physician experience.

***How to successfully transition out of medicine and into retirement (1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

Noon–1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9, Columbus K-L

Hosted by the AMA Senior Physicians Section (AMA-SPS) and the AMA Academic Physicians Section (AMA-APS)

For many senior physicians, retirement is welcomed after a lifetime of work and responsibilities. However, many physicians worry about their decision to retire for fear of losing their primary identity or purpose—especially challenging due to the at-times consuming nature of the profession of medicine. As life expectancy rises and more time is spent in the “retirement years,” successful planning is critical to a full, active lifestyle. This program will look at incorporating minor behavior adjustments/modifications can help physicians cope with the changes of growing older and find meaning in this next phase of life.

The featured speaker is Luis T. Sanchez, MD, chair, Committee on Senior Physicians, Massachusetts Medical Society. The panelist is Cynda Ann Johnson, MD, MBA, member-at-large, AMA-APS Governing Council. The moderator is Richard Allen, MD, chair-elect, AMA-SPS Governing Council.

***Value-based contracting: The latest tips and strategies from the frontlines (1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)**

8–8:59 a.m. Monday, June 11, Crystal Ballroom A

Hosted by AMA's Professional Satisfaction and Practice Sustainability group

Learn about the latest evolution of value-based payment contracts that include cost and quality metrics and risk-based payments. Through a dialogue moderated by an expert in health care legal and management consulting, this CME activity will enable you to learn from experienced physicians about the strategies used to ensure these arrangements work for your patients AND your practice. Upon completion of this session, you will be able to identify elements of value-based contracts best suited to your practice, recognize how a value-based contract may affect your practice and physicians, other clinicians and the patients within the practice, and discover valuable AMA resources on payment models and value-based contracts. Presenters include Moderator Bruce A. Johnson, JD, Shareholder, Polsinelli PC, Denver, Colorado; Michael Robertson, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Covenant Health Partners and Covenant ACO, Lubbock, Texas; and Justin Cohen, MD, Urologist, UroPartners, and PHO President, Advocate Condell Medical Center, Lake Forest, Illinois.

AMA Ambassador Program: Why you should join

8–8:59 a.m. Monday, June 11, Regency Ballroom D

Co-hosted by AMA's Social Media and Physician Engagement Groups

The AMA has officially launched an ambassador program, seeking to harness and share with the world the great work and enthusiasm of our AMA members. Attend this session to hear more about what it means to be an ambassador, why the program was launched, how you can get involved both online and off, and the benefits to you. You'll also see examples of your colleagues in action as AMA ambassadors!

***Preventing gun violence: What physicians can do now (1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

8–9:29 a.m. Monday, June 11, Regency Ballroom C

Co-hosted by the Council on Science and Public Health and the AMA Advocacy Resource Center

In the United States, more than 32,000 persons die as a result firearm-related violence, suicides, and accidents each year, making firearm-related morbidity and mortality a major public health problem, whose solution requires a multidisciplinary and inter-professional collaboration. Many physicians have first-hand experience with the effects of firearm-related injuries and deaths and the impact of such events on the lives of their patients. However, to reduce firearm-related injuries and deaths, it is essential to address culture, firearm safety, and regulations that maximize safety and prevention while being consistent with the Second Amendment.

Participants will be able to describe the trends in morbidity and mortality associated with gun violence in the U.S., identify evidenced-based strategies available to reduce firearm morbidity and mortality, and define the physician's unique role in promoting gun safety and preventing gun violence. Featured speakers include Marian "Emmy" Betz, MD, MPH, MPH, associate professor, emergency medicine, University of Colorado School of Medicine; Garen Wintemute, MD, MPH, professor, emergency medicine, University of California-Davis School of Medicine; and Megan Ranney, MD, MPH, associate professor, emergency medicine, Warren Alpert Medical School, Brown University. The session will be moderated by David Welsh, MD, member of the Council on Science and Public Health.

***Transforming Clinical Practice: A step-wise approach (1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)**

9–9:59 a.m. Monday, June 11, Crystal Ballroom A

Hosted by AMA's Professional Satisfaction and Practice Sustainability Strategy Group

The Transforming Clinical Practice initiative (TCPi) is a Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) funded four year program that supports 140,000 clinicians as they reinvent their clinical practices as they move towards providing value based care (VBC). AMA is supporting TCPi participants by sharing STEPS Forward modules as well as MACRA/QPP, IHO, Opioid and resources. AMA is committed sharing its TCPi experience and resources with all AMA audiences.

In this interactive session, speakers will describe the TCPi, AMA's efforts and tools to help attendees assess their practice capabilities and identify pain points and to provide information/resources they can use in their practices. Hear from physicians/practices on the front-lines of transformation who will share their performance stories and offer valuable and practical tips for moving to VBC.

Featured speakers include:

- Kathleen Blake, MD, VP Healthcare Quality, American Medical Association
- Kerri Lanum, MS, Quality Improvement Advisor, Great Lakes Practice Transformation Network
- Deena Layton, RN, MSN, Physician Practice Quality Coordinator, Riverside Medical Center
- Thomas Eppes, Jr., MD, Central Virginia Family Physicians – Privia Medical Group
- Michael Hanak, MD, FAAFP, Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine, Rush Medical College

Social Media Ambassadorship

9–9:59 a.m. Monday, June 11, Regency Ballroom D

Co-hosted by AMA's Social Media and Physician Engagement Groups

Leveraging “brand ambassadors” is more important now than ever. Ambassadors lend authenticity to an organization, bringing real people, voices, and stories to the forefront. Learn everything you need to know to be a skilled AMA ambassador on social media, including finding your voice, how to hit the right notes at the right moments, and ways you can tap into your own personal strengths and share your story. All levels of experience on social media are welcome!

***Litigation Center open meeting (2.0 1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

9:15–11:15 a.m. Monday, June 11, Regency Ballroom A

Hosted by the Litigation Center of the American Medical Association and State Medical Societies

This open meeting of the Litigation Center will discuss freedom of speech for physicians. Find out whether the AMA, even when it disapproves of what is said, will defend the right to say it.

***CEJA open forum (1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

9:30–11 a.m. Monday, June 11, Columbus C-D

Hosted by the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs

The Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs will devote its A-18 Open Forum to facilitated small-group discussions relating to continuity of care in today's complex health care environment. The session will feature a brief introduction by faculty, small-group discussions facilitated by members of the Council, and a concluding plenary session for groups to share their insights and suggestions.

Please note that the program will begin promptly at 9:30. Given the format of small-group discussion, attendees are asked to be present for the entire 90-minute session. Space is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The full agenda for the Open Forum can be found at ama-assn.org/go/ceja on AMA's website.

***Cost-sharing and preventive interventions (1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)**

10–11 a.m. Monday, June 11, Crystal Ballroom A

Co-hosted by the Council on Medical Service and Council on Science and Public Health

Evidence-based preventive services can save lives and improve health by identifying illnesses earlier. Coverage of preventive services was expanded under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to include coverage, without cost sharing, of services rated as ‘A’ (strongly recommended) or ‘B’ (recommended) by the US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF). The ACA’s coverage of preventive services increased access to preventive care.

Valuable preventive interventions are often outside the scope of the ACA “zero dollar” coverage, and out-of-pocket costs can be a barrier to the use of such preventive interventions. Patient cost-sharing typically does not distinguish between high- and low-value items and services. A more precise benefit design can enhance patient-centered outcomes, while reducing the harm associated with high cost-sharing. Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID), consistent with AMA policy, applies the principle of “clinical nuance,” to align patient cost-sharing with the value of the care to a specific patient.

In this session, you will learn about the methods and processes used by the USPSTF in making evidenced-based recommendations for preventive services and the ways insurance design can be used to align incentives. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a critical discussion about improving the alignment of cost-sharing for high-value services.

Featured speakers include A. Mark Fendrick, MD, Professor, Division of General Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine and Department of Health Management and Policy, and Director of the V-BID Center at the University of Michigan and Alex H. Krist, MD, MPH, Vice Chair of the USPSTF, Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Population Health at Virginia Commonwealth University. The session will be moderated by Robert A. Gilchick, MD, MPH, Chair, Council on Science and Public Health.

***Three Ways the AMA’s Accelerating Change in Medical Education Consortium is Transforming Physician Training (1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)**

10–11 a.m. Monday, June 11, Regency Ballroom D

Hosted by the AMA Accelerating Change in Medical Education Consortium

Five years ago the AMA awarded 11 medical schools \$1 million each for projects that would transform how physicians were trained and brought these schools together to form the Accelerating Change in Medical Education Consortium. Three years ago, another 21 medical schools were brought into the consortium with \$75,000 grants. This session will outline three of the notable innovations emerging from the consortium: health systems science, an electronic health record designed for educational settings, and medical student coaching. Faculty will present how these innovations are impacting medical education and how they may affect physicians in practice. Complimentary copies of “Coaching in Medical Education: A Faculty Handbook,” written and produced by consortium schools, will be available at this session.

†Ready or not, here we come: Transitioning to practice in a modern healthcare system (1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)

10–11 a.m. Monday, June 11, Regency Ballroom B

Hosted by the Surgical Caucus of the AMA

This program will describe the transition to practice commonly experienced by surgical residents and how the profession can enhance this process, and discuss preparedness of surgical residents completing training within current program requirements.

†The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The American College of Surgeons designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Section and special group events

A number of section-sponsored events will take place during the 2018 Annual Meeting. All Annual Meeting participants are welcome to attend the AMA section and special group meetings or events. Visit ama-assn.org/about/member-sections-group for information beyond the events listed here.

AMA Organized Medical Staff Section (AMA-OMSS) assembly meeting

2–3 p.m. Thursday, June 7, Crystal Ballroom B

AMA Organized Medical Staff Section (AMA-OMSS) reception

5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, Crystal Ballroom B

AMA Doctors Back to School™—Improving workforce diversity

7:15–11 a.m. Friday, June 8. Roundtrip bus transportation to a local high school departs from the West Tower entrance of the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

Hosted by the AMA Minority Affairs Section (AMA-MAS)

AMA Young Physicians Section (AMA-YPS) assembly meeting

8:45 a.m.–5 p.m. Friday, June 8, Crystal Ballroom C

AMA Organized Medical Staff Section (AMA-OMSS) assembly meeting

3–4:40 p.m. Friday, June 8, Crystal Ballroom B

AMA International Medical Graduates Section (AMA-IMGS) and AMA Minority Affairs Section (AMA-MAS) candidates' forum

3–5:10 p.m. Friday, June 8, Columbus G

AMA Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues (AMA-LGBTQ) and Allies caucus and reception

5–7:30 p.m. Friday, June 8, Plaza B

AMA Minority Affairs Section (AMA-MAS) reception and business meeting

5:30–7 p.m. Friday, June 8, Columbus K-L

AMA Senior Physicians Section (AMA-SPS) luncheon and business meeting

11:30 a.m.–Noon Saturday, June 9, Columbus K-L

LGBTQ Section Council meeting

12:15–1:45 p.m. Saturday, June 9, Hong Kong

AMA International Medical Graduates Section (AMA-IMGS) congress and reception

5:30–7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9, Columbus G

AMA Women Physicians Section (AMA-WPS) business meeting

5:30–7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9, Columbus E-F

12th Annual Desserts from Around the World reception

9:30–11 p.m. Saturday, June 9, Crystal Ballroom A-B

Hosted by the AMA International Medical Graduates Section (AMA-IMGS)

AMA Young Physicians Section (AMA-YPS) caucus

6–7 p.m. Sunday, June 10, San Francisco

AMA International Medical Graduates Section (AMA-IMGS) and AMA Minority Affairs Section (AMA-MAS) delegates' caucus

8:30–9:30 a.m. Monday, June 11, Roosevelt 3A

AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS), AMA Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS), and AMA Young Physicians Section (AMA-YPS) joint caucus

9:30–11 a.m. Monday, June 11, Crystal Ballroom B-C

Busharat Ahmad, MD, leadership development program

10:45–11:45 a.m. Monday, June 11, Columbus E-F

AMA Women Physicians Section (AMA-WPS) Associates' luncheon and business session

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Monday, June 11, Ogden

Exhibits**Visit the AMA Member Center Booth for access to 5 new activities!**

1. Update your AMA account to customize your news subscriptions
2. Take a selfie pic and post on our Instagram launch
3. Rest & recharge your devices
4. Learn how to spread the word about the AMA to your peers
5. Share your story for #MembersMoveMedicine

Exhibit Dates & Times:

Friday, June 8 2 – 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 9 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, June 10 7:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Monday, June 11 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 12 7:30 a.m. – noon

AMA Foundation booth

Please visit the [AMA Foundation](#) booth in Columbus Hall to learn more about how the Foundation is working directly with free clinics across the country to improve access to quality health care in underserved communities through the *Community Health Grants Program*. Also, make sure to ask about how *Physicians of Tomorrow Scholarships* are cultivating the next generation of physician leaders. Interested in serving as a mentor to one of these inspiring students? Ask one of the program team members how you can get involved.

Support these outstanding programs, students and more by [making a gift](#) online, via the official AMA Meeting App, or at our booth. For additional information, please call 312.464.4200.

Stop by the AMA Insurance booth—learn about new partnership and enter to win

AMA Insurance invites you to stop by their exhibit booth and learn more about the new insurance solutions available to you. AMA Insurance and New York Life Insurance Company have partnered to provide top-quality protections tailor-made and priced exclusively for physicians. The result? More choices, more benefits, and more coverage to help protect you at every stage of your career. Learn more at the AMA Insurance booth or www.amainsure.com/better-insurance. Look for the AMA Insurance Enter to Win icon on the meeting app to enter a drawing to win a Bose wireless headset.

Special Events**AMA Foundation Donor Reception**

6:30–7:30 p.m. Friday, June 8, Crystal Ballroom C

“When I was notified by both my school and the AMA Foundation I received this scholarship, I was ecstatic. With this scholarship, the AMA and the Foundation have made an investment in my potential.”

- Rachel Bervell, AMA Foundation 2017 Underrepresented in Medicine Scholarship Recipient

The AMA Foundation’s Annual Donor Reception recognizes and thanks those generous supporters who made a new gift or pledge in 2017 or 2018. The generosity from donors made it possible for the AMA Foundation to award over \$300,000 to free community-based health programs and provide scholarships to 26 outstanding medical students such as Rachel.

Join the Foundation to celebrate you! If you’ve not already done so, [make your annual gift today](#), and join your friends at this special reception.

If you received an invitation by mail, please RSVP by Friday, June 1. If you did not receive an invitation but wish to attend, email amafoundation@ama-assn.org or call 312.464.4200 to make a donation and RSVP for the reception.

New delegate orientation

The Specialty and Service Society (SSS) invites new delegation members to participate in a new delegate orientation at 8 p.m. Friday, June 8 in Columbus E-F. The adoption of the new delegate allocation system for the specialty societies resulted in over 50 new specialty society delegates attending the House of Delegates meeting this June. The SSS along with AMA leadership and the specialty section council leadership recognize that an informal gathering to give an overview of the AMA policy making process and all the activities that surround the workings of the House of Delegates would be very useful to new attendees. A portion of the session will be dedicated to networking/relationship building as that is also important in our policy development process. State and specialty delegates and alternate delegates as well as new staff are welcome to attend. Please rsvp to terri.marchiori@ama-assn.org.

Ron Davis Memorial 5K run/walk

The 8th Annual Ron Davis Memorial 5K run/walk will take place at 6 a.m. Saturday, June 9. Interested parties should meet near the motor entrance on the Gold Level in the East Tower of the Hyatt Regency Chicago. This is a self-guided event along the shore of Lake Michigan.

AMA Alliance welcome table

The AMA Alliance would like to invite any spouses of delegates or alternate delegates to visit their Welcome Table in the registration area to receive a gift bag and chance at a drawing for a special prize. The Welcome Table will be open all day Saturday, June 9.

Catholic Mass

Father Dan Costello will again join us to celebrate Catholic Mass at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9 in Columbus I-J.

US Surgeon General to address HOD

US Surgeon General Jerome M. Adams, MD, MPH, will address the House of Delegate at 2 p.m. Monday June 11. Dr Adams, a longtime AMA member, is the 20th Surgeon General of the United States and was sworn into office this past September. He earned his master of public health degree at the University of California at Berkeley and his medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine, is a board-certified anesthesiologist, and served as Indiana State Health Commissioner from 2014 to 2017.

As Indiana Health Commissioner, Dr. Adams presided over efforts to deal with the state’s unprecedented HIV outbreak, working directly with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as with state and local

health officials and community leaders. Dr. Adams' motto as Surgeon General is "better health through better partnerships," and as Surgeon General, he is committed to maintaining strong relationships with the public health community and forging new partnerships with non-traditional partners, including business and law enforcement. He has pledged to lead with science, facilitate locally led solutions to the nation's most difficult health problems, and deliver higher quality healthcare at lower cost through patient and community engagement and better prevention.

AMPAC's Capitol Club luncheon event

The American Medical Association Political Action Committee (AMPAC) is the bipartisan political arm of the AMA that helps elect medicine-friendly candidates running for federal office. AMPAC needs your support in order to have an impact on the AMA's continuing advocacy efforts in Washington, DC.

AMPAC will be hosting a private Capitol Club luncheon for all 2018 members from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12. AMPAC's special guest is David Axelrod, a veteran of politics and the former chief strategist and advisor to President Barack Obama. He also serves as CNN's Senior Political Commentator and is the Director of the University of Chicago's non-partisan Institute of Politics. He will share his thoughts on politics in America today including his take on the 2018 midterm elections. Be sure not to miss this special event.

If you are already a 2018 AMPAC Capitol Club member, please stop by the AMPAC booth to pick up your ticket to the luncheon. If you are interested in becoming an AMPAC member or would like more information on the luncheon, please stop by AMPAC's booth outside the HOD meeting room. The AMPAC booth will be open for business on Saturday, June 9 through Tuesday, June 12.

NOTES:



The following list is provided for your convenience.

All items mentioned in the *Speakers' Letter* are included.

(Items listed in bold are official AMA-HOD sessions, reference committees or programs.)

All events are at the Hyatt Regency Chicago unless indicated by italics.

Activities offering continuing medical education credit are preceded by an asterisk (*) or dagger (†)

Time	Event	Location†
Thursday, June 7		
7 a.m.–7 p.m.	Childcare availability	Reservations required
2-3 p.m.	AMA-OMSS assembly meeting	Crystal Ballroom B
5 p.m.	Deadline for receipt of not-for-official-business items	AMA staff area
5:30 p.m.	AMA-OMSS reception	Crystal Ballroom B
Friday, June 8		
7 a.m.–6 p.m.	AMA-HOD registration	Grand Foyer
7 a.m.–7 p.m.	Childcare availability	Reservations required
7:15–11 a.m.	<i>AMA Doctors Back to School™</i>	<i>Meet at West Tower entrance</i>
8:45 a.m.–5 p.m.	AMA-YPS assembly meeting	Crystal Ballroom C
9 a.m.–noon	*Value-based care: Understanding models of risk	Crystal Ballroom A
9:30–10:30 a.m.	*Teamwork, communication, and patient safety: Elements of medical staff leadership in patient care	Crystal Ballroom B
10–11 a.m.	Exploring the cutting edge of gene therapy in medicine	Acapulco
10:45–11:45 a.m.	*Blockchain in health care: Hype or here to stay?	Crystal Ballroom B
11 a.m.–noon	A day in the life of me: Tackling prejudice against providers	Acapulco
1:20–2 p.m.	How to negotiate your employment contract	Columbus I–J
1:30–2:30 p.m.	After the smoke clears: Provider well-being after mass casualty incidents	Acapulco
1:30–3 p.m.	*Understanding CMS's new BPCI Advanced Model	Crystal Ballroom A
2–5 p.m.	OSMAP general session	Grand Ballroom A
3–4:40 p.m.	AMA-OMSS assembly meeting	Crystal Ballroom B
3–5:10 p.m.	AMA-IMGS and AMA-MAS candidates' forum	Columbus G
3–5:30 p.m.	*Stakeholders' forum: Educational implications of incorporating precision medicine into a population health model	Columbus E–F
5 p.m.	OSMAP reception	Grand Ballroom B
5–7:30 p.m.	AMA-LGBTQ Advisory Committee and Allies caucus and reception	Plaza B
5:30–7 p.m.	AMA-MAS reception and business meeting	Columbus K–L
6:30–7:30 p.m.	AMA Foundation Donor Reception	Crystal Ballroom C
8 p.m.	New delegate orientation	Columbus E–F
Saturday, June 9		
6 a.m.	Ron Davis Memorial run/walk	Motor entrance, east tower
6:45–9:30 a.m.	Surgical Caucus Handbook review	Comiskey Room
7 a.m.–6 p.m.	AMA-HOD registration	Grand Foyer
7 a.m.–7 p.m.	Childcare availability	Reservations required
8 a.m.–5 p.m.	AMA Alliance welcome table	AMA registration area
8:30–9:30 a.m.	*Improving health outcomes for vulnerable patient populations	Crystal Ballroom B
9:45–10:45 a.m.	*#MeToo: Sexual harassment and discrimination in medicine	Crystal Ballroom B
10:45 a.m.–noon	*From disruption to reform: Learn to spark change and move medicine forward	Columbus C–D
11 a.m.–noon	*Health care change agents: Traditional and non-traditional players fuel the fire	Crystal Ballroom C
11 a.m.–noon	*Small changes, big results: Innovations in patient-centered technology	Regency Ballroom A–C
11:30 a.m.–noon	AMA-SPS luncheon and business meeting	Columbus K–L
Noon–1:30 p.m.	*How to successfully transition out of medicine and into retirement	Columbus K–L
12:15–1:45 p.m.	LGBTQ Section Council meeting	Hong Kong
2–6 p.m.	HOD opening session; nominations; president-elect debate	Grand Ballroom
5–6 p.m.	Academic Medicine caucus	Water Tower Room
5:30–7:30 p.m.	AMA-IMGS congress and reception	Columbus G
5:30–7:30 p.m.	AMA-WPS business meeting	Columbus E–F
6:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Columbus I–J
9:30–11 p.m.	12th annual desserts from around the world reception	Crystal Ballroom A–B

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Time	Event	Location†
Sunday, June 10		
7 a.m.–6 p.m.	AMA-HOD registration	Grand Foyer
7 a.m.–7 p.m.	Childcare availability	Reservations required
8–8:30 a.m.	HOD second session	Grand Ballroom
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws	Crystal Ballroom
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee B	Regency Ballroom B
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee C	Regency Ballroom C
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee D	Regency Ballroom D
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee G	Regency Ballroom A
1:30–5 p.m.	Reference Committee A	Regency Ballroom A
1:30–5 p.m.	Reference Committee E	Regency Ballroom D
1:30–5 p.m.	Reference Committee F	Grand Ballroom
5–6 p.m.	Rural Medicine caucus	Columbus H
5–6:30 p.m.	Obesity Caucus	Hong Kong
6–7 p.m.	AMA-YPS caucus	San Francisco
Monday, June 11		
7 a.m.–6 p.m.	AMA-HOD registration	Grand Foyer
7 a.m.–7 p.m.	Childcare availability	Reservations required
8–8:59 a.m.	AMA Ambassador Program: Why you should join	Regency Ballroom D
8–8:59 a.m.	*Value-based contracting: The latest tips and strategies from the frontlines	Crystal Ballroom A
8–9:29 a.m.	*Preventing gun violence: What physicians can do now	Regency Ballroom C
8:30–9:30 a.m.	AMA-IMGS and AMA-MAS delegate caucus	Roosevelt 3A
8:30–10 a.m.	Academic Medicine caucus	Water Tower Room
9–9:59 a.m.	Social Media Ambassadorship	Regency Ballroom D
9–9:59 a.m.	*Transforming Clinical Practice: A step-wise approach	Crystal Ballroom A
9:15–11:15 a.m.	Litigation Center	Regency Ballroom A
9:30–11 a.m.	CEJA open forum	Columbus C–D
9:30–11 a.m.	AMA-MSS, AMA-RFS and AMA-YPS joint caucus	Crystal Ballroom B–C
10–11 a.m.	† Ready or not, here we come: Transitioning to practice in a modern healthcare system	Regency Ballroom B
10–11 a.m.	*Three Ways the AMA's Accelerating Change in Medical Education Consortium is Transforming Physician Training	Regency Ballroom D
10–11 a.m.	*Cost-sharing and preventive interventions	Crystal Ballroom A
10–11:30 a.m.	Private Practice Physician Caucus	Columbus I–J
10:45–11:45 a.m.	Busharat Ahmad, MD, leadership development program	Columbus E–F
11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	AMA-WPS Associates' luncheon and business session	Ogden
2–6 p.m.	HOD business session	Grand Ballroom
Tuesday, June 12		
7 a.m.–6 p.m.	AMA-HOD registration	Grand Foyer
7 a.m.–7 p.m.	Childcare availability	Reservations required
7:30–8:45 a.m.	Elections	Columbus K–L
9 a.m.–3 p.m.	HOD business session	Grand Ballroom
Noon–1:30 p.m.	AMPAC's Capitol Club luncheon	TBD
5 p.m.	Inaugural, Barbara L. McAneny, MD	Crystal Ballroom
6:30 p.m.	Inaugural reception	Grand Ballroom Foyer
7 p.m.	Inaugural dinner dance	Grand Ballroom
Wednesday, June 13		
7 a.m.–noon	AMA-HOD registration	Grand Foyer
7 a.m.–noon	Childcare availability	Reservations required
9 a.m.–noon	HOD business session	Grand Ballroom