2017 AMA Annual Meeting
Hyatt Regency Chicago

JUNE 8–10
Interest-specific educational sessions, caucuses and networking events

JUNE 10–14
AMA House of Delegates (policymaking meetings, open hearings and education)

Welcome new participants!
We’re glad you’re here!

The American Medical Association is pleased you are joining us for our 2017 Annual Meeting—the only event in which all of organized medicine assembles at the same time and place.

As a new participant, this tip sheet will help you navigate the meeting and better understand the variety of experiences you can take part in while you are here. We encourage you to visit our Information Desk, located outside the Grand Ballroom, for additional personal assistance.

Download “AMA Meetings” app (Apple and Android)
WiFi: ourama2017
Password: ourama2017
Orientation

Things to know about the meeting and related events

AMA House of Delegates Annual Meeting

• Officially begins with opening gavel at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 10, and is scheduled to adjourn no later than noon Wednesday, June 14 (note: actual adjournment time and date, which can vary slightly, is determined by when the AMA House of Delegates formally concludes its business)

• Democratic process; forum for robust, respectful debate that establishes AMA policy positions and directs some actions and activities

• 555 delegates represent all 50 U.S. states and territorial medical associations, and nearly 120 medical specialty societies, lifestyle and interest-specific groups, as well as the armed services, Veterans Administration and Public Health Service (note: non-delegate registered attendees will find open seating in back third of the Grand Ballroom)

The AMA’s 11 interest-specific groups and their respective meetings and activities

• Represent and bring forward the ideas, issues and policy recommendations of their respective constituents

• The following groups conduct and conclude the majority of their official business meetings, education sessions and other formal activities before the 2 p.m., Saturday, June 10, opening session of the AMA House of Delegates Annual Meeting (note: because many meetings and activities overlap, we encourage you to refer to the “AMA Meetings” app or visit the Information Desk)
  – Academic Physicians Section (APS)
  – Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Issues
  – Integrated Physician Practice Section (IPPS)
  – International Medical Graduates Section (IMGS)
  – Medical Student Section (MSS)
  – Minority Affairs Section (MAS)
  – Organized Medical Staff Section (OMSS)
  – Resident and Fellow Section (RFS)
  – Senior Physicians Section (SPS)
  – Women Physicians Section (WPS)
  – Young Physicians Section (YPS)

AMA Board of Trustees

• Principal governing and strategic planning body; takes actions based on policy/directives of the AMA House of Delegates

• Twenty-one members (including student, resident, young physician and public member representatives)
Finding your way around the hotel and hearings

Open hearings: Reference committee hearings (June 11)

AMA House of Delegates will consider more than 200 resolutions and reports with each getting referred to one of the following reference committees that will listen to members’ comments and then recommend how each item should be acted upon by voting delegates:

- Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws
- Reference Committee A (issues touching on how medical services are covered and paid for)
- Reference Committee B (legislation, legal and regulatory issues)
- Reference Committee C (medical education, training and certification)
- Reference Committee D (public health)
- Reference Committee E (science and technology)
- Reference Committee F (AMA finance and governance)
- Reference Committee G (issues affecting a physician’s day-to-day life, including employment and practice arrangements, medical staff matters)

Closed hearings: AMA councils

The following councils study and submit recommendations related to the business of the AMA House of Delegates:

- CC&B (Council on Constitution and Bylaws), CEJA (Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs), COL (Council on Legislation), CLRPD (Council on Long Range Planning and Development), CME (Council on Medical Education), CMS (Council on Medical Service) and CSAPH (Council on Science and Public Health)

Participation

A few rules for the road

AMA members, guests and observers are welcome to attend:

- All reference committee sessions (AMA members have the right to comment; nonmembers or non-physicians may speak with permission of the chair)
- All educational sessions (including those offering CME)

All open sessions of the AMA House of Delegates and interest-specific groups

Within the AMA House of Delegates sessions:

- Only certified delegates or alternate delegates temporarily credentialed as delegates may speak from the floor or vote
Numerous, concurrent educational sessions and events offered with many sessions certified for CME credit (sponsored by various entities).

All sessions and events are open to all meeting attendees unless designated as a “Governing Council,” “Council,” “Executive Session” or “Closed Session” (be sure to check door signage before entering room).

AMA and medical society staff are present at every session/event to help.

Educational sessions and events are listed on hotel monitors; a master schedule can also be found at the AMA Registration Desk, on our meeting app and, for those wanting personal assistance, at the Information Desk.

Please check-in with staff and sign in if you have not pre-registered for that session; claim credit by July 31.
AMA exhibit: Stop by to get your free gift and discover what’s new for AMA members!

Located just outside the Grand Ballroom, the AMA exhibit is the place to:

- See short demos covering some of the AMA’s newest programs and digital resources (demos are scheduled for Saturday and Monday, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.)
- Enjoy free coffee (only available during the above demonstration times)
- Pick up your free gift!

Visit the Information Desk for personal assistance.
(outside the Grand ballroom, near registration)

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