IPPS Meeting Highlights

Leaders from physician-led integrated systems throughout the country traveled to Chicago for the 5th Annual Meeting of the AMA Integrated Physician Practice Section (IPPS), for peer-to-peer learning, networking, education sessions and policy discussions. View meeting documents including presentations.

Governing Council Elections

The governing council elected 3 new members to the following positions:

- Delegate: Russell Libby, MD, Virginia Pediatric Group and HealthConnect IPA
- Alternate Delegate: Dev Sangvai, MD, Duke Health
- Large Group Representative: Betty Chu, MD, Henry Ford Health System

Incumbents were elected to the following:

- Chair: Peter Rutherford, MD, Confluence Health
- Vice Chair: Michael Glenn, MD, Virginia Mason Medical Center
- Members at-large: Susan Pike, MD, Baylor Scott & White
- Member-at-large: Barbara Spivak, MD, Mount Auburn IPA
- Small/Medium Group Representative: Randall Gibb, MD, Billings Clinic

The former chair, Thomas Eppes, Jr., MD, moved to immediate past chair.

Educational Sessions

The full-day meeting featured 3 CME programs with a morning session on health system reform featuring Robert Nesse, MD, Senior Medical Director, Payment Reform, Mayo Clinic; and Richard Deem, SVP AMA Advocacy.

Dr. Nesse said “at Mayo Clinic, we are not asking ‘how do we reform healthcare?’ because that’s a wicked problem we’ll be discussing for years.” Rather, he said, “I don’t care who you work for, whether you’re an independent practice or part of a large system - as a profession we need to figure out the 4 fundamental components of value-based care: attribution, risk adjustment, performance measures and network adequacy.”

He proceeded to identify current flaws in each and offered potential solutions.
The second morning program featured John Becker, senior vice president, SQ2, who discussed 4 major trends in health care: virtual health; consumerism impact; shift in care sites; primary care redesign - and how groups might seek profitable growth in those areas. During roundtable discussions, participants discussed how those trends are taking shape in their markets and predicted how they would continue to evolve.

The afternoon program looked at consolidation of health systems with Sean May pointing to studies showing the benefits of hospital consolidations, and Ed Brown speaking to the potential downsides. Brown said that in the rush to consolidate, patient-focused care is taking a back seat and that strong physician leadership is needed in large integrated systems to counter balance dominant hospital culture. Brown highlighted benefits of physician-led systems including:

- Improved likelihood of being patient-centric
- Improved physician engagement
- Greater buy-in to organizational success
- Improved population health results
- Physician comp closely tied to actual incentive results
- Peer profiling and transparency among physicians that has a greater result than institutional profiling

**Upcoming IPPS Meeting**

The next meeting of the IPPS will be held during the AMA Interim Meeting, Friday, Nov. 10 in Honolulu, Hawaii.