AMA Organized Medical Staff Section
Representative Information
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Qualifications & Selection

OMSS representatives must be physician members of the AMA.

Representatives are selected by their medical staffs, using whatever process the medical staff deems appropriate. Each medical staff may select up to two representatives; additionally, the president or chief of staff may serve as a third representative if he or she is a physician member of the AMA.

The medical staff’s choice of representative(s) must be certified in writing by the medical staff president or secretary.

Duties & Responsibilities

1. Serve as a liaison between members of your medical staff and the OMSS:
   a. Represent the concerns of your medical staff at OMSS Annual/Interim meetings and other events, schedule permitting, and otherwise contribute to the AMA’s understanding of the challenges facing medical staffs and their members.
   b. Distribute information about OMSS meetings, events, and resources to members of your medical staff and other hospital/health system leaders, ideally providing semi-annual reports to your medical staff executive committee or full medical staff.
   c. Maintain contact with OMSS leadership and staff.

2. Advocate for and educate/mentor other physicians, including residents/fellows and young physicians, on the significance of medical staff governance and on the role of physicians in improving patient outcomes and enhancing physician experience.

3. Serve as a local expert on medical staff-related matters, answering questions from your medical staff and other stakeholders. Refer questions/concerns to OMSS as necessary.

4. Participate in OMSS meetings and events, schedule permitting. Where feasible, seek hospital and/or medical staff financial support for OMSS representative attendance at OMSS meetings and events.

5. Assist in OMSS member recruitment efforts at the local level.