

Speakers' Letter

**2019 Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates
June 8–12, 2019 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, including seats on CEJA (see page 4), seating availability in the House (see page 2), an option for delegates and alternate delegates to [register online](#) and review expectations for appropriate conduct (see page 2) and an AMPAC correction (see page 19).

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
Bruce A Scott, MD, Vice Speaker

House of Delegates schedule

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) will meet June 8–12 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The AMA-HOD will convene at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 8 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 9, 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. Sunday’s reference committee hearing schedule follows:

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

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

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

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

Additional business sessions of the AMA-HOD will convene at 2 p.m. Monday, June 10, and 9 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, June 11 and 12. 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.

Watch for updates to the Speakers Letter on the meeting [website](#)!

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 10 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 17, 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 17 to delegates and alternate delegates who have previously received paper copies, with the Addendum scheduled to go out on or about May 24. 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 7 through Wednesday, June 12.

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.

Given the larger number of delegates and alternate delegates for A-19, we will be making an online registration link available for delegates and alternate delegates that will allow you to provide emergency contact information before arriving in Chicago. The site will also review HOD policies regarding respectful behavior, conflicts of interest and some other details about the meeting. [Delegates and alternate delegates can access the registration site at <https://cvent.me/9Gby7>](#); others should register on the regular meeting website.

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

Continued membership growth, the seating of new specialty societies, and added regional student and sectional resident delegates will result in a House of Delegates with 640 members at June's Annual Meeting. 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. As was the case last year, an auxiliary listening area 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.

Code of conduct

Our AMA has a robust code of conduct for AMA-sponsored meetings to ensure a professional and ethical environment for all attendees. Importantly, everyone should feel safe and able to participate without fear of unwelcome conduct, whether in face-to-face contacts or electronic communications. Attendees should declare conflicts of interest and conduct themselves in a manner that is attune to the highest ideals of the profession. Harassment and conflicts of interest are serious, and House policy provides for reporting and dealing with these matters. The policy can be accessed at ama-assn.org/codeofconduct.

Our standing rules, which are ratified in the opening session, commit each of us to be courteous, respectful and collegial in the conduct of HOD business. Instances of unwelcome or inappropriate behavior should be brought to the attention of the Speakers, and everyone has the personal responsibility, while engaging with others, to consider how others will interpret their actions and words.

Childcare services

The third year of the childcare pilot test will continue at A-19 with service available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. starting Thursday, June 6 and running through Tuesday, June 11; availability on Wednesday June 12 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 is also available, 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. Fees do not include meals, but meals are available for \$15. Additional information and registration are available at <https://www.accentregister.com/Event/CEvents/6866>. 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 discounted fares when booking online at United.com. Click on “Advanced Search,” enter origin, destination and travel dates and then offer code ZGE5912085 in the “Promotions and Certificate” box. Users may also call United Airlines Meetings at 800.426.1122 and mention Z code ZGE5 and agreement code 912085. A service fee applies to phone transactions.

GO Airport Express offers transportation to and from the airports. Convenient inner curb loading is provided at both Midway and O’Hare. Fares are \$35 one way or \$50 round trip. A \$2 per person airport tax is not included in those fares.

Book today online at <http://www.airportexpress.com/group?code=AMANONSTOP>, or call 773.247.1200 and mention discount code: “AMANONSTOP.”

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 6. As a general rule, 1300 copies of items are required for distribution throughout the AMA-HOD. For campaign handouts, 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 \$3200 cap on expenditures for campaign memorabilia applies regardless.

Nominations and elections

The [2019 Election Manual](#) lists those council candidates who were nominated by the Board of Trustees along with candidates for officer positions. 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-19

Elections for officer and council positions will be held 7:30–8:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 11 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 one candidate
- Speaker – vote for one, currently one candidate
- Vice Speaker – vote for one, currently two candidates
- At-large trustee – vote for two, currently three candidates
- Resident physician trustee – vote for one, currently one candidate
- Council on Constitution and Bylaws – vote for one, currently two candidates
- Council on Medical Education – vote for four, currently six candidates
- Council on Medical Service – vote for two, currently two candidates
- Council on Science and Public Health – vote for three, currently three candidates
- Council on Science and Public Health, resident seat – vote for one, currently one candidate

Additional nominations are possible during the opening session. 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 Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA, will nominate two members for seats on the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs during the opening session on Saturday, June 8. One nomination will be for a full term on the Council, and the other will be for the student 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 nominations by Dr Harris. Please watch the meeting [website](#) or the [candidate](#) page in the days leading up to the AMA-HOD meeting.

Announcements of candidacy for 2020 elections

Individuals who intend to seek election at the 2020 Annual Meeting are reminded that printed announcements may not be distributed in the meeting venue. Announcements provided to us before noon, Monday, June 10 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 formatted for 16:9 projection in the House. Submissions will be maintained in confidence until posted. Announcements will be posted online on the candidate page after the meeting.

Inauguration of Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA

The inaugural ceremony for President-elect Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA, will take place at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 11 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/forums/house-delegates 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 2 are unlikely to be captured in the summary reports that will be posted on the meeting [website](#).

Proceedings of the 2018 Interim Meeting

The [draft](#) of the *Proceedings of the House of Delegates* for the 2018 Interim Meeting (I-18) has been posted on the AMA website. Approval of the minutes from I-18 is an action item on Sunday morning. [PolicyFinder](#) has been updated to reflect actions from I-18 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.

Reference Committee F volunteers sought

Just after the Annual Meeting concludes, three new members will be appointed to Reference Committee F. The committee deals with AMA's governance and financial matters, including such things as the annual plan, budget and business products, and is responsible for ensuring that the HOD has adequate information regarding the fiscal circumstances of the Association. While the typical reference committee exists only for a single meeting, members of Reference Committee F serve two-year terms and meet with the Board of Trustees between HOD meetings, meaning their commitment is more substantial; in fact, the chair serves a third year in that capacity.

Like other reference committees, we rely on volunteers to serve on Reference Committee F, but the special role of the committee along with the matters that come before it and the longer term of service warrant a special appeal for those volunteers. We are inviting interested members of the House to let us know of their interest in serving on the committee by sending a note to hod@ama-assn.org. Even if you have previously volunteered to serve on the committee, we ask that you confirm that interest so that our roster is current. We will follow up with everyone who volunteers.

We need to know of your willingness to serve on the committee by June 12, and appointments will be made in the latter half of June. The full committee will meet with the Board of Trustees September 7–8 in Chicago.

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.

2019 Interim Meeting planning

The 2019 Interim Meeting, with its focus on advocacy and legislation, will be held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego, California, Nov. 16–19. 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.

Speaker-to-speaker meeting plans

As is our custom we will hold a speaker-to-speaker session at I-19, which is open to anyone interested in discussing meeting processes. Topic suggestions may be sent to hod@ama-assn.org; all ideas are welcome.

Meetings and caucuses

OSMAP

The Organization of State Medical Association Presidents (OSMAP) will hold its general membership meeting from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, June 7 in Grand Ballroom A. All state medical association presidents, presidents-elect, past presidents and executive directors are welcome to attend and participate. Immediately following the general session, beginning at 5 p.m., OSMAP will host a reception in Grand Ballroom B. All OSMAP members and their invited guests are welcome to attend.

Changes in room assignments or any other information pertinent to OSMAP, including the agenda for the meeting, will be posted on the website (osmapandtheforum.org) prior to the meeting. If you have questions, contact Brian O. Foy, OSMAP Executive Director, at bfoy11@yahoo.com.

Council on Medical Education stakeholders' forum: Improving the transition from UME to GME

The AMA Council on Medical Education will host a Stakeholders' Forum from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Friday, June 7 in Columbus Room E-F to engage medical education stakeholders in a discussion about improving the transition from UME to GME.

The transition from UME to GME is a time of great opportunity for learners, but is also associated with uncertainty, new stressors, risks to well-being, and concerns about readiness for practice. To be discussed:

- Available research related to this transition
- Innovative proposals to improve this progression
- Identification of common themes and principles the medical education community should consider adopting and endorsing to better support learners, especially during periods of transition

In addition to panelists, leaders from national medical organizations have been invited to share their perspectives regarding this issue. The Council welcomes you to take part in this forum and to contribute to the discussion. For more information please contact TeRhonda McGee at TeRhonda.McGee@ama-assn.org.

Surgical Caucus Handbook review

The Surgical Caucus of the AMA will be meeting from 6:45 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8 in the Comiskey Room for a combined business meeting and handbook review session. The Caucus will be celebrating its 30th anniversary of collaborative participation within the House of Medicine. Specialties 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 and Academic Physicians Section

Delegates and alternate delegates with an academic appointment are invited to attend the AMA Academic Medicine Caucus, from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 8 in Columbus C-D, or from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Monday, June 10 in Columbus H.

Attendees will discuss issues of mutual concern and interest pertaining to academic medicine and review the report of Reference Committee C. Network with your colleagues and share your ideas on how the AMA can continue to provide leadership in medical education.

In addition, you can play a key role in developing AMA policy, attend educational sessions and learn about trends in education by attending the AMA Academic Physicians Section (AMA-APS) Annual Meeting, Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8. Learn more about the AMA Academic Physicians Section, which serves as the voice of academic physicians to the AMA House of Delegates by visiting ama-assn.org/go/sms.

Rural Medicine Caucus

Residents of rural areas have been shown to be generally sicker, poorer, and older than their counterparts in urban areas. 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 that rural patients and those who care for them face result in unique perspectives on the practice of medicine.

All AMA 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 the Rural Medicine Caucus Policy Discussion at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 9 in Columbus H. Attendees will enjoy networking with colleagues, sharing ideas on how the AMA might better serve rural physicians and patients, and discussing any resolutions which attendees feel are applicable to practice in rural or other low-resource settings.

This year there will also be a separate discussion of A-19 resolutions and election candidates from noon until the opening of the House of Delegates on Saturday, June 8 in Columbus H. Attendees will discuss candidates, but candidates are not expected to have an opportunity to speak. Please contact Jordan Warchol, MD, at JordanWarcholMD@gmail.com for more information.

Obesity Caucus

Our AMA declared obesity a disease in June 2013. The Obesity Caucus was created with the mission to improve obesity-related health outcomes. Reining in the obesity epidemic is key to supporting our AMA's strategic objective to improve health outcomes with regards to hypertension and type II diabetes. Our AMA plays a key role to turn this problem around.

All meeting attendees are invited. Hosted by Obesity Medicine Association delegate Ethan Lazarus, MD, this is an opportunity to strategize next steps to improve the care of those affected by obesity. The meeting is scheduled from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 9 in Columbus E-F.

Private Practice Physician Congress

The Private Practice Physician Congress will meet 9:15–11 a.m. Monday, June 10 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

The AMA and the AMA sections and special groups invite all meeting participants to attend the education sessions offered from Friday, June 7 until Monday, June 10. Sessions designated for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™* by our AMA are indicated by an asterisk (*) below.

Discover additional CME and educational content on our new AMA Ed Hub™—your center for online personalized learning from sources you trust. Stop by the AMA Ed Hub booth located near the Grand Ballroom where staff can assist learners in finding the right educational activity, navigating the new site, or printing certificates.

At the AMA Ed Hub booth, you can also gain additional CME credits by testing your knowledge with a short image quiz. It's quick! Make the diagnosis or determine the next step with the JAMA Network™ Clinical Challenge. Stop by the AMA Ed Hub station, take the quiz, earn CME and get a prize—all in just a few minutes!

All A-19 education sessions are listed on the AMA Ed Hub™ at amaedhub.com/pages/a-19. To complete the evaluation and download certificates, click “Sign In” in the upper right-hand corner of the screen and enter your AMA username and password or create an account. Physicians will receive a CME certificate; non-physicians will receive a Certificate of Participation. Certificates are automatically saved in the “Transcript” section of the site. The deadline to claim credit for sessions certified by the AMA is July 31, 2019.

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 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.

Scale versus quality: Systems and the physician leadership challenge

8:15–11:15 a.m. Friday, June 7, Crystal Ballroom A

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

Join James Orlikoff, nationally known author and speaker, for a discussion focused on pressing health care quality issues confronting physician organizations. Orlikoff will present on how integrated physician groups and integrated systems can best assure and improve quality of care. And, he will address the issues associated with the growing wave of consolidations and the resulting dynamics of scale versus quality.

A question of ethics: Perspectives on end of life care and the role of medical aid in dying

8:30–9:15 a.m. Friday, June 7, Acapulco

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

Join us for a discussion on the ethical, legal, and logistical perspectives of implementing medical aid in dying as guest speakers Dr Daniel Sulmasy and Dr David Grube explore the current structure and form of state policies regulating medical aid in dying and debate the medical dilemmas associated with this topic.

More than a pain in the neck: Correcting ergonomic stress in your practice setting

9:30–10:30 a.m. Friday, June 7, Crystal Ballroom B

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

Every day, physicians deal with ergonomic stressors that threaten patient safety and their own health. These stressors can result from both poor physician habits and suboptimal workplace/equipment design and configuration. Learn how ergonomic stressors impact physicians and patients, and how you can make improvements in your practice setting.

What's the future of Medicare quality measurement? CMS has a vision

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Friday, June 7, Crystal Ballroom A

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

In 2017, CMS announced a signature initiative called “Meaningful Measures” intended to streamline the quality measures that physicians and health systems report, and move to a smaller set of more impactful measures that assess outcomes rather than processes. Please join Michelle Schreiber, MD from CMS as she outlines progress on “Meaningful Measures” and shares the agency’s vision for the future of quality measures. A reaction panel with physician leaders from three health systems will illuminate the potential impact of CMS’s quality measurement initiatives and the challenges confronting physicians and health systems.

Pop medicine: The impact of mainstream media on patients’ preconceptions of health care

1–1:45 p.m. Friday, June 7, Acapulco

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

For better or worse, pop culture has had a significant impact on the way patients view and understand health care. Join us for a discussion on the impact of entertainment and social media portrayals of medicine and learn what individual physicians and organizations can do to increase the awareness and accuracy of medical topics.

Public health practice: Becoming a more involved physician

1–2 p.m. Friday, June 7, Regency Ballroom D

Hosted by the AMA Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS)

Join our panel of public health experts for a Q&A session and open forum discussion on incorporating public health practice into an existing career. Attendees will leave with a better understanding of current opportunities and resources for additional training to further develop competency in various public health disciplines.

The winners and losers of climate change: Impacting the health of communities

1:30–2:15 p.m. Friday, June 7, Toronto

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

Join us for an interactive lecture on climate change science and its impacts on public health and medicine to be followed by group discussions on the ethics of climate change’s unfair burden on vulnerable populations.

All hands-on deck: Medical staffs mobilizing communities

1:30–2:30 p.m. Friday, June 7, Crystal Ballroom B

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

The organized medical staff is responsible for advocating for the interests of patients and, more broadly, the community. But is there also a role for the community to advocate for itself, and where does the medical

staff fit into any such efforts? Learn how your medical staff can successfully mobilize the community to ensure that hospital policies promote safe, high quality patient care.

A new primary care model for Medicare adults: Oak Street Health

2–3 p.m. Friday, June 7, Crystal Ballroom A

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

Chicago-based Oak Street Health has built a model based on value-based primary care for older adults in underserved urban neighborhoods, while leading the industry in patient satisfaction, quality metrics and reduced hospitalizations. One might wonder, “How is that possible?” Join David Buchanan, MD, chief clinical officer as he illuminates the unique Oak Street Health success story.

Is there a vaccine for burnout? Perspectives on resiliency and wellness

2:15–3:15 p.m. Friday, June 7, Acapulco

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

Burnout seems to be the new buzzword in medicine. Join us for a panel discussion with some of the AMA’s foremost experts on burnout research, practicing physicians, and residents as we explore what burnout, resiliency, and wellness look like in medical school, residency training, and beyond. Get tangible tips and success strategies for handling the challenges and stresses of medicine, both as a student and throughout your career. Hear personal perspectives on how physicians in various stages of their medical journey incorporate wellness into their practices.

Debunked! Myths—and truths—about Joint Commission accreditation

2:45–3:45 p.m. Friday, June 7, Crystal Ballroom B

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

In order to effectively advocate for their patients, physicians must have a good understanding of the regulatory environment in which they practice. Join Edward Pollak, MD, medical director and patient safety officer at The Joint Commission, for a discussion of some of the most pressing issues in hospital accreditation.

#MeToo in medicine: Sexual harassment in the health care industry

3:15–4 p.m. Friday, June 7, Toronto

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

Join us for a look at the realities of sexual harassment in the healthcare industry with particular focus on data surrounding physician trainees. This will be an interactive session with breakout discussions on how to work with administration on common goals like implementing new resources for victims of sexual harassment and how to make existing resources visible and widely known by your home institution’s student body, as well as understand barriers to using these resources.

Nevertheless, she persisted: Women leaders in medicine

4–5 p.m. Friday, June 7, Acapulco

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

The Women Leaders in Medicine Panel features AMA Women Physicians Section (AMA-WPS) council members who will share their unique challenges and experiences regarding their pathway to leadership in medicine. Facilitated by the AMA-WPS student representative and Women In Medicine Committee, the panel will promote discussion amongst medical students regarding growth as a female in the medical field. Come prepared with questions for a Q&A session with our panelists.

Signed, sealed, certified: Understanding FDA certifications for wearables

4:45–5:15 p.m. Friday, June 7, Toronto

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

SEGMENT presents a seminar on wearables in the health care market that will provide a sketch of the current wearable device landscape before diving into the FDA approval process using The Apple Watch Series 4 (ECG) as a real-world example.

All things being equal: Creating gender equity within the workplace

7:30–8:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8, Crystal Ballroom B

Hosted by all AMA Sections and Special Group

Gender inequity in health care influences physician satisfaction and the quality of care that is delivered to patients. While this is a system level issue, there are actions that physicians and physician leaders can take to counter its effects. Learn what you can do to make a difference.

The physician's guide to advocacy

8:40–9:40 a.m. Saturday, June 8, Crystal Ballroom B

Hosted by all AMA Sections and Special Group

In our current political climate, it can be difficult to navigate the most pressing issues impacting health care. Join the AMA Advocacy group to learn what action you can take today to make a difference.

Where do we go now? The medical student debt crisis

9–10 a.m. Saturday, June 8, Field Room

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

Medical student debt can have long-lasting negative effects on physicians' careers, and the amount of debt students accrue continues to rise. Join us in an interactive discussion with experts in the field on how we've reached the depths of our medical student debt crisis, ways to disrupt the trend, and how to personally manage debt as students, young physicians, and beyond.

Back in the black: Personal finance for the young physician

9–10 a.m. Saturday, June 8, Regency Ballroom D

Hosted by the AMA Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS)

Personal finance can be tricky enough at the best of times, but it can be particularly difficult for residents and medical students juggling loan repayments on top of other financial concerns. Join us for an in-depth discussion on repayment strategies, insurance, sustainable budgeting, retirement planning, and more.

Differences in sex development (DSD): Clinical and ethical implications for providers, patients and parents

9:45–10:45 a.m. Saturday, June 8, Crystal Ballroom B

Hosted by the AMA Advisory Committee on LGBTQ Issues (AMA-LGBTQ)

Differences in Sex Development (DSD) is an umbrella term for conditions where elements of genetic, anatomical, or hormonal characteristics are neither strictly male or female according to conventional medical definitions. This patient population (up to 1.7% by some estimates) has a unique set of ethical and multi-disciplinary care delivery challenges. Join us to learn what you can do to improve care for this important population.

What does the science say about opioid management?

10–10:45 a.m. Saturday, June 8, Crystal Ballroom C

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

With the U.S. in the midst of an opioid epidemic, this session will bring some much-needed clarity on the state of current scientific data on opioid and non-opioid pain management. Attendees will learn best-practices on differentiating when opioid prescription is acceptable and when it should be avoided and get a look forward at the future of pain management.

Health care think tank: Medical students leading change

10:30–11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 8, Field Room

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

This TED Talk-style spotlights the passion and innovation of our student members. Each 10-minute presentation will be on a hot topic in medicine with recommendations for action. Come for the passionate students, stay for the innovative solutions to pressing problems in health care, and leave feeling inspired.

Central American forced migration: Public health knowledge for care delivery and advocacy

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 8, Crystal Ballroom C

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

This session will explore the public health implications of Central American forced migration through case-based, interactive programming. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in small-group discussions to work through thoughtfully constructed cases highlighting pertinent psychosocial and epidemiologic factors that impact many Central American migrants. Facilitators will include key experts on the topic as well as medical student members from the Minority Issues Committee.

Down a road and back again: Making a late-life transition into a meaningful retirement

Noon–1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 8, Columbus K-L

Hosted by the AMA Senior Physicians Section (AMA-SPS)

Retirement planning is complicated for all, but especially for physicians whose personal identity is often tied to their profession. The education and training required to become a physician often leaves little time to think about, or develop, outside interests. This program will look at how investing time and resources into facilitating late career succession planning strategies can honor a physicians' lifelong commitment to medicine.

Improving the health of all through academic medicine

5:45–6:15 p.m. Saturday, June 8, Columbus G

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

Come for an update on the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) activities, a look at physician workforce predictions and a dive into AAMC's Transition to Residency Initiative.

†Avoid PAMA Drama: Use clinical decision support to optimize imaging in just a few clicks! (1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)

8–8:59 a.m. Monday, June 10, Regency Ballroom D

Hosted by the American College of Radiology

PAMA compliance is simpler than you think. Hear from ordering physicians who have found clinical decision support (CDS) to be valuable and easy to use; learn the vast difference between CDS and prior authorization; and find tools to make a seamless transition to CDS use.

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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.

***Promoting America's health: Physicians in the US Public Health Service (1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)**

8–9 a.m. Monday, June 10, Acapulco

Hosted by the US Public Health Service and the Council on Science and Public Health

The US Public Health Service was founded in 1798 to protect, promote, and advance the health and safety of our Nation. More than 6,000 uniformed officers, including more than 500 physicians, serve domestically and internationally in roles ranging from direct clinical care to administration of public health programs. This panel will feature the Chief Medical Officer of the US Public Health Service and physicians serving in the Commissioned Corps from the Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bureau of Prisons who are on the front lines of public health—developing national health policies, treating patients in underserved communities, and responding to public health emergencies. Come learn about the diverse ways that physicians in US Public Health Service safeguard the public's health and their important contributions to protecting America's health and its most vulnerable populations.

***NIH's "All of Us" research program: The role of physicians (1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)**

8–8:59 a.m. Monday, June 10, Regency Ballroom B

Hosted by AMA's Science, Medicine and Public Health group

The All of Us Research Program, led by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) within the Precision Medicine Initiative, is an ambitious effort to gather data from one million or more people living in the United States, reflecting the broad diversity of this country. Learn how physicians are viewed as key partners, and explore how to communicate with patients about participation in research that is intended to improve our ability to prevent and treat disease.

International medical school accreditation: Understanding progress and workforce implications

8–9:30 a.m. Monday, June 10, Crystal Ballroom A

Hosted by the AMA Council on Medical Education

The Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) is in the process of instituting a policy requiring that by 2023, all applicants for ECFMG certification must have completed training in a medical school accredited by a body officially recognized by the World Federation for Medical Education. This requirement was instituted as part of a larger effort to enhance the quality of medical education at the international level. However, not all countries have moved toward implementation of this goal. This session will:

- provide basic education regarding the medical school accreditation requirement
- discuss logistics and progress made to date; and
- review potential implications for the US physician workforce, IMGs, and USIMGs

For more information please contact TeRhonda McGee at TeRhonda.McGee@ama-assn.org.

Optimizing the physician practice of the future driven by associations (1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)

9–9:59 a.m. Monday, June 10, Regency Ballroom D

Hosted by Professional Satisfaction & Practice Sustainability

The Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative (TCPI) helps clinicians achieve large-scale health transformation. CMS representatives Dr Paul McGann and Meena Abraham, DrPH, MPH will explain how the 4-year grant has supported more than 140,000 clinician practices in sharing, adapting and further developing their comprehensive quality improvement strategies.

The main goals of TCPI are:

- Breakthroughs that enable practices to thrive in alternative payment models
- Transformation that leads to advancements critical to practice success

In support of the TCPI goals, 10 professional associations were charged in development of education and resources for physicians and quality advisors under the grant. Physicians from ACP, ACR, ACEP, and APA will describe the efforts from each of their professional sectors in a panel discussion where the role of professional associations in the TCPI model test related to:

- Accelerate the pace of transformation within TCPI community by sharing critical assets and resources with enrolled practices.
- Expand the reach of the program beyond the enrolled network of practices by supporting their membership and sphere of influence in preparing for participation in alternative payment models (APMs).
- Create awareness and understanding among broad spectrum of clinicians by leveraging high-impact communication platforms to spread messages around the movement toward value-based care.

Reimagining Residency: How the AMA will transform GME

9–9:59 a.m. Monday, June 10, Regency Ballroom B

Hosted by the AMA Accelerating Change in Medical Education initiative

On June 5 the AMA will announce the awardees of “Reimagining Residency” grant funding to transform residency training to better address the workforce needs of our current and future health care system. The five-year, \$15-million “Reimagining Residency” program builds on the AMA’s work to accelerate change in undergraduate medical education and create the medical schools of the future. In this session faculty leading the “Reimagining Residency” effort will outline the genesis of the initiative and its major aims, as well as provide insight into the grant team selection process and what the next five years will bring as the AMA “Accelerating Change in Medical Education” initiative expands into GME. In addition, new “Reimagining Residency” grant teams will be in attendance and will provide an overview of their projects and anticipated outcomes.

***Litigation Center open meeting (2 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

9–11 a.m. Monday, June 10, Grand Ballroom

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

This meeting will discuss freedom of speech in two contrasting contexts. First, a website operator has been sued for facilitating an illegal sale of handguns, which resulted in a multiple murder. The question is whether the right of public safety trumps the right of open communication on the internet. Second, the AMA is suing the United States Department of Health and Human Services for passing regulations that limit the right of physicians to communicate freely with their patients at Title X public health clinics.

***Training physicians in the art of the public forum (1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

9:30–11 a.m. Monday, June 10, Columbian

Hosted by AMA Enterprise Communications

Whether you’re preparing to deliver a keynote presentation at a high-profile medical conference or talking with a reporter from your hometown newspaper, the ability to support your position with clear and concise language and relevant points is paramount. This session is designed to help physicians at all levels better prepare for public speaking opportunities and media interviews through skilled and confident communication. Industry leaders will share tips and best practices and engage participants in role-playing exercises to help them stay on message and effectively connect with diverse audiences about health care issues and policies that are important to physicians, their patients and their practices. Following this session, attendees will have the opportunity to become AMA Ambassadors and further their learning around public engagement. This training will be led by Kathy Schaeffer, a strategic communications expert, in partnership with leaders from the AMA’s Enterprise Communications department. Attendance is limited to the first 25 participants who RSVP to tamara.washington@ama-assn.org.

***CEJA open forum - Discrimination against physicians by patients** (*1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*)

9:30–11 a.m. Monday, June 10, Crystal Ballroom A

Hosted by the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs

Following an overview of the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs's report writing process, participants will discuss an assigned aspect of the report in development entitled "Discrimination Against Physicians by Patients." Aspects may include how to respond when a patient refuses a caretaker, what actionable hospital policies would support colleagues who have been discriminated against by patients, and where the difference lies between discriminatory and legitimate requests. The facilitated small group discussions will mimic the types of questions, considerations and framing that go into a CEJA discussion of a report in development. In a concluding session, each table will share key points of their discussion.

Learning objectives: Upon completion of this session, physicians will be able to:

- Describe CEJA's approach to ethical analysis and deliberation.
- Explain the nature and scope of CEJA's role in developing ethics policy via the report writing process.
- Recognize the challenges of crafting policy in a way which addresses the positions of various stakeholders

Prioritizing America's rising risk population: How Trinity Health and AMA are working to prevent chronic disease

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

Hosted by AMA's Improving Health Outcomes initiative

Every day, seven out of 10 deaths are caused by chronic diseases. One recent study underscored that preventable chronic conditions cost the U.S. nearly \$347 billion annually—making it a national crisis that consumes 86% of our nation's total health care expenditures. With 84 million US adults currently at-risk of developing type 2 diabetes and another 116 million with hypertension, taking immediate steps to reduce these rising risk populations is imperative to ensure America's health system is not drastically overburdened in the next decade. As without the appropriate treatment interventions, many in the rising risk population will flow along the care continuum towards and into high-risk groups—continuing to escalate related health care costs exponentially.

This represents a major opportunity for physicians to implement clinical practice change by prioritizing prevention of type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease, which Trinity Health—one of the largest multi-state health systems in the U.S.—has committed to spearheading in collaboration with the AMA.

This timely panel will feature insight from Trinity Health and AMA leaders on the benefits of implementing prevention strategies, while highlighting the results of Trinity's efforts. It will also offer a model for how health systems and physician leaders can collaborate to address gaps in clinical care and achieve improved health outcomes for patients nationwide.

†Intimate partner violence: Enhancing patient care (*1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*)

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

Hosted by the Surgical Caucus of the AMA

This program will identify clinical signs and symptoms that are suggestive of intimate partner violence, describe intimate partner violence educational resources for physicians, and discuss strategies/steps to be taken when intimate partner violence is suspected.

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Busharat Ahmad, MD, leadership development program: Importance of being a leader

10:45–11:45 a.m. Monday, June 10, Columbus K-L

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

This program will address how physicians must be prepared to serve as leaders and advocate at the individual community and societal levels. They are often in a unique position of insight and provide important and useful perspectives, which are valuable even outside of the scope of medical practice.

Section and special group events

Annual Meeting participants are welcome to attend the AMA section and special group meetings or events. For information beyond what is listed here, visit ama-assn.org/member-groups-sections.

BUSINESS MEETINGS AND POLICYMAKING ACTIVITIES**AMA International Medical Graduates Section (AMA-IMGS)**

- Congress: 5:30–7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 8, Columbus G
- IMGS | MAS caucus: 8:30–9:30 a.m. Monday, June 10, Roosevelt 3A

AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

- Orientation: 3–4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 6, Regency A-C
- Candidate forum: 4:30–5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 6, Regency A-C
- Opening assembly: 5:30–7 p.m. Thursday, June 6, Regency A-C
- Region business meetings: 7–9 p.m. Thursday, June 6, Various Locations
- General assembly: 8 a.m.–9:30 p.m. Friday, June 7, Regency A-C
- Region policy meetings: 9:30–11:30 a.m. Friday, June 7, TBA
- Standing committee meeting and greet: Noon–1 p.m. Friday, June 7, Regency A-C
- Region business meetings: 6–8 p.m. Friday, June 7, Various Locations
- General assembly: 8 a.m.–noon Saturday, June 8, Regency A-C

AMA Organized Medical Staff Section (AMA-OMSS)

- Business meeting and reference committee hearing: 2–5:30 p.m. Thursday, June 6, Crystal Ballroom B
- Business meeting: 10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Friday, June 7, Crystal Ballroom B
- Networking luncheon: 12:15–1:30 p.m. Friday, June 7, Crystal Ballroom B
- Caucus: 6:45–7:45 a.m. Sunday, June 9, San Francisco and 5–7 p.m. Sunday, June 9, San Francisco

AMA Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS)

- First time attendee orientation: 6–6:45 p.m. Thursday, June 6, Regency Ballroom D
- Governing Council meet & greet and region meetings: 6:45–7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 6, Regency Ballroom D
- Standing committee meeting: 7:30–8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 6, Regency Ballroom D
- Business meeting: 7:30–10:00 a.m. Friday, June 7, Regency Ballroom D
- Assembly meeting and reference committee hearing: 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Friday, June 7, Regency Ballroom D
- Region meetings: 1–2 p.m. Friday, June 7, Locations TBA
- Standing committee meetings: 2–3 p.m. Friday, June 7, Locations TBA
- Sectional and Alternate Sectional Delegate caucus: 3–4 p.m. Friday, June 7, San Francisco
- Assembly meeting: 7:15 a.m.–noon Saturday, June 8, Regency Ballroom D
- Caucus: 12:30–1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 8, Regency Ballroom D
- 7–8 a.m. Sunday, June 9, Columbian
- 7–8 a.m. Monday, June 10, Columbian
- 7–8 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, Skyway 260

AMA Senior Physicians Section (AMA-SPS)

- Assembly meeting: 11:30 a.m.–noon Saturday, June 8, Columbus K-L

AMA Women Physicians Section (AMA-WPS)

- Business meeting: 6–7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 8, Columbus C-D
- Associates lunch: 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Monday, June 10, Columbus H

AMA Young Physicians Section (AMA-YPS)

- Assembly meeting: 8:45 a.m.–5 p.m. Friday, June 7, Crystal Ballroom C

SECTION AND SPECIAL GROUP RECEPTIONS AND NETWORKING EVENTS**AMA Integrated Physician Practice Section (AMA-IPPS)**

- Welcome reception: 6–7 p.m. Thursday, June 6, Crystal Foyer

AMA Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS)

- Welcome reception: 9–11 p.m. Thursday, June 6, Crystal Ballroom A

Desserts from around the world reception: 9:30–11 p.m. Saturday, June 8, Crystal Ballroom A-B

Exhibits**Five things to do at the Member Center Booth!**

Located just outside the Grand Ballroom, visit the Member Center booth from Friday, June 7 through Tuesday, June 11, where you can

1. Get assistance with membership related inquiries
2. Check out new member benefits
3. Take a pic in our redesigned tiny doctor's office
4. Sign up to be an AMA Ambassador
5. Select a free gift!

AMA Foundation booth

Visit the [AMA Foundation](#) booth in Columbus Hall to learn more about how the Foundation is paying forward your support to the next generation of physician leaders through their *Physicians of Tomorrow Scholarships* and meet the first class of students from the *Leadership Development Institute*. While there, make sure to view Dr Howard Chodash's unique and extensive collection of AMA memorabilia, which will be on display.

For additional information, please call 312.464-4200 or email amafoundation@ama-assn.org.

AMA Ambassadors booth and scavenger hunt game

Are you a proud and loyal member of the AMA? Do you enjoy sharing the work of our AMA and its members with your colleagues? Do you enjoy AMA trivia and searching for miscellaneous items? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, stop by the Ambassadors booth and become an official AMA Ambassador and register your team in the AMA Ambassador Scavenger Hunt game. Scavenger hunt game rules are posted at ama-assn.org/game-rules. Scavenger hunt special accommodations must be requested at least five days prior to the beginning of the Annual Meeting via the email address below. Additional Ambassadors Booth activities include:

- Pick-up your Ambassador pin or badge ribbon
- Obtain new meeting attendee assistance
- Enter your team (four people) for the scavenger hunt (gifts awarded to first four winning teams each day)
- Participate in Ambassador training/on-boarding (gift provided after training session)
- Check out the AMA Twitter feed and leader board
- Network with other AMA Ambassadors

Ambassadors booth hours:

- 2–6 p.m. Friday, June 7
- 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday, June 8 through Monday, June 10
- 7:30–11 a.m. Tuesday, June 11

If you have any questions or need scavenger hunt accommodations, email [J. Mori Johnson](mailto:J.Mori.Johnson@ama-assn.org) or visit ama-assn.org/ambassadors.

Special Events

Training on physician well-being and burnout

Under a grant from the Physicians Foundation, a toolkit was published last year by a group of county medical society executives that helps medical associations through the process of starting wellness counseling programs for their members. With over 20 programs now in operation across the nation, this type of membership benefit is quickly becoming a safety net at the local level for physicians who need places to process their occupational distress.

A free workshop and presentation of LifeBridge Physician Wellness Tool Kit will be offered 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Friday, June 7. The session will also be offered at the AAMSE meeting in Pittsburgh on July 27. Download the free LifeBridge toolkit and register for either session at physicianwellnessprogram.org/.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. There is no registration fee thanks to the Physicians Foundation grant.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to the following:

- Belinda Clare 512.206.1250, BCLARE@tcms.com (Travis County TX)
- Steven Reames, 208.336.2930, director@adamedicalsociety.org (Ada County ID)
- Bryan Campbell, 904.353.7536, bcampbell@dcmsonline.org (Duvall County FL)

AMA Foundation Donor Reception

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

“At a time when I most needed to be reminded of the importance of being relentless in my dream and pursuit of excellent care for underserved populations, the Physicians of Tomorrow Scholarship found me, and reenergized me.” - Yetunde Adekemi Fatade, Drexel University College of Medicine

The AMA Foundation’s Annual Donor Reception recognizes and thanks its generous supporters. Their generosity has made it possible in part for the AMA Foundation to give scholarships to 27 outstanding medical students such as Yetunde.

If you’ve not already done so, [please make your annual gift today](#), and join your fellow delegates at this special reception. For more information email amafoundation@ama-assn.org or to donate via phone, call 312.464.4200. **Please RSVP by Friday, May 31.**

Ron Davis Memorial 5K run/walk

The 9th Annual Ron Davis Memorial run/walk will take place at 6 a.m. Saturday, June 8. 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.

Catholic Mass

Father Dan Costello will again celebrate Catholic Mass at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 8 in Columbus I-J.

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 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 2019 members from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11. AMPAC's special guest is Doris Kearns Goodwin, a world-renowned presidential historian and Pulitzer Prize-winning Author. She will reflect on more than 150 years of US history putting into context the often-turbulent times, while showing how some of our most successful presidents provide insights for today's leaders. This is an event you will not want to miss.

If you are already a 2019 AMPAC Capitol Club member, please stop by the AMPAC booth to pick up your ticket to the luncheon. As a reminder, 2019 Capitol Club Platinum members can attend an exclusive private meet and greet with Ms. Goodwin prior to the start of 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 Grand Ballroom. The AMPAC booth will be open for business on Saturday, June 8 through Tuesday, June 11.

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.)

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

Time	Event	Location
Thursday, June 6		
7 a.m.–7 p.m.	Childcare availability	Reservations required
2–5:30 p.m.	AMA-OMSS business meeting and reference committee hearing	Crystal Ballroom B
3–4:30 p.m.	AMA-MSS orientation	Regency Ballroom A-C
4:30–5:30 p.m.	AMA-MSS candidate forum	Regency Ballroom A-C
5 p.m.	Deadline for receipt of not-for-official-business items	AMA staff area
5:30–7 p.m.	AMA-MSS opening assembly	Regency Ballroom A-C
6–6:45 p.m.	AMA-RFS orientation	Regency Ballroom D
6–7 p.m.	AMA-IPPS welcome reception	Crystal Foyer
6:45–7:30 p.m.	AMA-RFS governing council meet and greet; region meetings	Regency Ballroom D
7:30–8:30 p.m.	AMA-RFS standing committee meeting	Regency Ballroom D
7–9 p.m.	AMA-MSS region business meetings	Various locations
9–11 p.m.	AMA-RFS welcome reception	Crystal Ballroom A
Friday, June 7		
7 a.m.–6 p.m.	AMA-HOD registration	Grand Foyer
7 a.m.–7 p.m.	Childcare availability	Reservations required
7:30–10 a.m.	AMA-RFS business meeting	Regency Ballroom D
8 a.m.–9:30 p.m.	AMA-MSS general assembly	Regency Ballroom A-C
8:15–11:15 a.m.	Scale versus quality: Systems and the physician leadership challenge	Crystal Ballroom A
8:30–9:15 a.m.	A question of ethics: Perspectives on end of life care and the role of medical aid in dying	Acapulco
8:45 a.m.–5 p.m.	AMA-YPS Assembly	Crystal Ballroom C
9 a.m.–3 p.m.	Physician well-being and burnout training	(registration required)
9:30–10:30 a.m.	More than a pain in the neck: Correcting ergonomic stress in your practice setting	Crystal Ballroom B
9:30–11:30 a.m.	AMA-MSS region policy meetings	Various locations
10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.	AMA-OMSS business meeting	Crystal Ballroom B
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	AMA-RFS Assembly and reference committee hearing	Regency Ballroom D
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.	What's the future of Medicare quality measurement? CMS has a vision	Crystal Ballroom A
Noon–1 p.m.	AMA-MSS standing committee meet and greet	Regency Ballroom A-C
12:15–1:30 p.m.	AMA-OMSS networking luncheon	Crystal Ballroom B
1–1:45 p.m.	Pop medicine: The impact of mainstream media on patients' preconceptions of health care	Acapulco
1–2 p.m.	Public health practice: Becoming a more involved physician	Regency Ballroom B
1–2 p.m.	AMA-RFS region meetings	TBA
1:30–2:15 p.m.	The winners and losers of climate change: Impacting the health of communities	Toronto
1:30–2:30 p.m.	All hands-on deck: Medical staffs mobilizing communities	Crystal Ballroom B
2–3 p.m.	A new primary care model for Medicare adults: Oak Street Health	Crystal Ballroom A
2–3 p.m.	AMA-RFS standing committee meetings	TBA
2–5 p.m.	OSMAP general membership meeting	Grand Ballroom A
2:15–3:15 p.m.	Is there a vaccine for burnout? Perspectives on resiliency and wellness	Acapulco
2:25–3:45 p.m.	Debunked! Myths—and truths—about Joint Commission accreditation	Crystal Ballroom B
3–4 p.m.	AMA-RFS sectional delegate and alternate delegate caucus	San Francisco
3–5:30 p.m.	Council on Medical Education stakeholder forum	Columbus E-F
3:15–4 p.m.	#MeToo in medicine: Sexual harassment in the health care industry	Toronto
4–5 p.m.	Nevertheless, she persisted: Women leaders in medicine	Acapulco
4:45–5:15 p.m.	Signed, sealed, certified: Understanding FDA certifications for wearables	Toronto
5 p.m.	OSMAP reception	Grand Ballroom B
6–8 p.m.	AMA-MSS region business meetings	Various locations
7–8 p.m.	AMA Foundation Donor Reception	Crystal Ballroom C

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Time	Event	Location
Saturday, June 8		
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
7:15 a.m.–noon	AMA-RFS Assembly	Regency Ballroom D
7:30–8:30 a.m.	All things being equal: Creating gender equity within the workplace	Crystal Ballroom B
8 a.m.–noon	AMA-MSS General Assembly	Regency Ballroom A-C
8:40–9:40 a.m.	The physicians guide to advocacy	Crystal Ballroom B
9–10 a.m.	Where do we go now? The medical student debt crisis	Field Room
9–10 a.m.	Back in the black: Personal finance for the young physician	Regency Ballroom D
9:45–10:45 a.m.	Differences in Sex Development (DSD): Clinical and ethical implications for providers, patients and parents	Crystal Ballroom B
10–10:45 a.m.	What does the science say about opioid management?	Crystal Ballroom C
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Health care think tank: Medical students leading change	Field Room
11 a.m.–noon	Academic Medicine caucus	Columbus C-D
11:30 a.m.–noon	AMA-SPS Assembly	Columbus K-L
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Central American forced migration: Public health knowledge for care delivery and advocacy	Crystal Ballroom C
Noon–1:30 p.m.	Down a road and back again: Making a late-life transition into a meaningful retirement	Columbus K-L
Noon–1:45 p.m.	Rural Medicine caucus	Columbus H
12:30–1:30 p.m.	AMA-RFS caucus	Regency Ballroom D
2–6 p.m.	HOD opening session; nominations	Grand Ballroom
5:30–7:30 p.m.	AMA-IMGS Congress	Columbus G
5:45–6:15 p.m.	Improving the health of all through academic medicine	Columbus G
6–7:30 p.m.	AMA-WPS business meeting	Columbus C-D
6:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Columbus I-J
9:30–11 p.m.	Desserts from around the world reception	Crystal Ballroom A–B
Sunday, June 9		
6:45–7:45 a.m.	AMA-OMSS caucus	San Francisco
7–8 a.m.	AMA-RFS caucus	Columbian
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 A	Regency Ballroom A
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 E	Regency Ballroom D
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee F	Grand Ballroom
1:30–5 p.m.	Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws	Regency Ballroom C
1:30–5 p.m.	Reference Committee D	Regency Ballroom D
1:30–5 p.m.	Reference Committee G	Regency Ballroom A
4 p.m.	Rural Medicine caucus policy discussion	Columbus H
5–6:30 p.m.	Obesity Caucus	Columbus E-F
5–7 p.m.	AMA-OMSS	San Francisco

Time	Event	Location
Monday, June 10		
7–8 a.m.	AMA-RFS caucus	Columbian
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.	American College of Radiology: Avoid PAMA Drama	Regency Ballroom D
8–8:59 a.m.	*NIH’s “All of US” research program	Regency Ballroom B
8–9:30 a.m.	PHS	Acapulco
8–9:30 a.m.	International medical school accreditation: Understanding progress and workforce implications	Crystal Ballroom A
8:30–9:30 a.m.	AMA-IMGS & AMA-MAS caucus	Roosevelt 3A
9–9:59 a.m.	Optimizing the physician practice of the future driven by associations	Regency Ballroom D
9–9:59 a.m.	Reimagining Residency: How the AMA will transform GME	Regency Ballroom B
9–11 a.m.	*Litigation Center open meeting	Grand Ballroom
9:30–11 a.m.	*Training physicians in the art of the public forum	Columbian
9:30–11 a.m.	*CEJA open forum - Discrimination against physicians by patients	Crystal Ballroom A
9:30–11 a.m.	Academic Medicine caucus	Columbus H
10–11 a.m.	†American College of Surgeons: Intimate partner violence: Enhancing patient care	Regency Ballroom B
10–11 a.m.	Prioritizing America’s rising risk population: How Trinity Health and AMA are working to prevent chronic disease	Regency Ballroom D
10:45–11:45 a.m.	Busharat Ahmad, MD, leadership development program: Importance of being a leader	Columbus K-L
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.	AMA-WPS Associates lunch	Columbus H
2–6 p.m.	HOD business session	Grand Ballroom
Tuesday, June 11		
7–8 a.m.	AMA-RFS caucus	Skyway 260
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, Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA	Crystal Ballroom
6:30 p.m.	Inaugural reception	Grand Ballroom Foyer
7 p.m.	Inaugural dinner dance	Grand Ballroom
Wednesday, June 12		
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