Practice Transformation Speaker’s Panel

American Medical Association

The American Medical Association is the physicians’ powerful ally in patient care. As the only medical association that convenes 190+ state and specialty medical societies and other critical stakeholders, the AMA represents physicians with a unified voice to all key players in health care.

The AMA leverages its strength by removing obstacles that interfere with patient care, by leading the charge to confront public health crises and prevent chronic disease, and by driving the future of medicine to tackle the biggest challenges in health care. Helping health systems and clinical practices succeed in their transformation journey is critical to the AMA. That is what drives our development of evidence-based, field-tested solutions to guide physicians and care teams each step of the way. Increasing efficiencies, improving patient care and enhancing professional satisfaction—these are what increase Joy in Medicine™ and make the journey worthwhile.

Speaker Profiles

Christine Sinsky, MD
Vice president, professional satisfaction
American Medical Association

Dr. Sinsky has worked to elevate national awareness of health professional well-being as an important driver of health system performance. In 2012 she led “In Search of Joy in Practice: A Report of 23 High-Functioning Primary Care Practices.” With a colleague she introduced the framework of the “Quadruple Aim” in 2013 as a health system goal. At the AMA she leads the development of initiatives to improve clinician well-being, working on research, policy, technology and educational fronts to increase the opportunities for joy, purpose and meaning in work.

Marie Brown, MD
Director, Practice Redesign
American Medical Association

Dr. Brown is the Director of Practice Redesign at the American Medical Association, a practicing internist, a professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at Rush Medical College, and the past governor of the American College of Physicians (ACP). Dr. Brown leads the development of STEPS Forward™ content, Practice Transformation speaking requests, and practice redesign initiatives focused on increasing joy in medicine. Dr. Brown is a frequent guest lecturer at academic, national and international health care conferences. Her areas of expertise include: practice transformation, joy in medicine, adult immunizations, medication adherence and diabetes.
Kevin Hopkins, MD  
Medical director  
Cleveland Clinic Strongsville Family Health and Ambulatory Surgery Center

Dr. Hopkins has been a staff physician in the Department of Family Medicine at the Cleveland Clinic since 2005. He is the primary care medical director for Cleveland Clinic Community Care, the Cleveland Clinic’s population health institute. A recognized leader and national speaker in the field of caregiver burnout and ambulatory practice re-design and transformation, he has led the transition of his primary care group to a model of value-based care and is continuing to advance a team-based care practice model to achieve population management goals. In addition to holding an appointment as a clinical assistant professor with the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine’s Department of Family Medicine and teaching within the Cleveland Clinic Family Medicine Residency Program, Dr. Hopkins works with the Practice Transformation Initiative for the American Medical Association and serves as a medical specialist with Google Health.

Suja Mathew, MD  
Chair, Department of Medicine  
Cook County Health and Hospitals System

Dr. Mathew is the chair of the Department of Medicine at Cook County Health (CCH) and governor of the Illinois Chapter, Northern Region, of the American College of Physicians, the largest specialty-based physician organization in the country. As clinician, educator and administrator, she directs internal medicine service delivery throughout CCH, including Stroger Hospital, Provident Hospital, and a network of ambulatory centers throughout Cook County. She oversees the training of hundreds of residents, fellows and medical students who rotate through Stroger Hospital’s internal medicine services. Dr. Mathew has a passion for the underserved and an interest in the areas of social determinants of health and professional satisfaction.

Kathy Tynus, MD  
Assistant Professor  
Northwestern Medicine

Dr. Tynus has had a long career in academic medicine, leading a successful transitional year residency program for 14 years and was awarded Gold and Silver Apple teaching awards at MacNeal Hospital in Berwyn, IL. Dr. Tynus formerly co-chaired the Council of Transitional Year Program directors and was recently appointed to the Accreditation Council of Graduate Active in organized medicine. Dr. Tynus serves as President of the Illinois State Medical Society and is the former President of the Chicago Medical Society. She is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and has served as chair of the Education Committee for the ACP’s Northern Illinois Chapter. She serves as an alternate delegate to the American Medical Association’s House of Delegates.
If you are interested in hosting an AMA expert at your event, please email the following information to practice.transformation@ama-assn.org:

Name, Title, Phone Number, Organization, Organization Address

- Brief description of the event
- Event date
- Event location
- Event time
- Speaker arrival and departure date and time
- Expected number of attendees
- Attendee composition (physicians, health system leaders, care team members, residents, medical students)
- Will this event be open to the public?
- Estimated budget for honorarium
- Presentation topic
- Preferred presentation format: keynote, grand rounds, virtual presentation, panel moderation, panel participant, other (please specify)