

REPORT OF THE AMA YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION GOVERNING COUNCIL

AMA-YPS Report A-A-26

Subject: Governing Council Activities/Action Plan Update

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1 The mission of the AMA Young Physicians Section (YPS) is to strengthen the value of AMA
2 membership for young physicians while maximizing young physicians' contributions to the AMA's
3 brand vision through involvement, advocacy and communications. In accordance with [YPS Report](#)
4 [E \(June 2021\) - AMA-YPS Strategic Plan](#), the section objectives for 2021-2026 include:

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6 **Focus:**

- 7 • Disseminate information on AMA resources that could help address issues of concern for
8 young physicians;
- 9 • Raise awareness of the challenges facing young physicians in the House of Delegates
10 (HOD) and to AMA leadership; and
- 11 • Ensure education and policymaking activities are reflective of issues that affect the practice
12 of medicine for young physicians.

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14 **Communications:**

- 15 • Provide regular updates on AMA initiatives and other topics of interest to young physicians;
- 16 • Identify opportunities to promote dialogue among Section members and YPS Governing
17 Council (GC) during and between meetings; and
- 18 • Actively engage AMA physician and staff leadership to ensure that the young physician
19 perspective is represented in AMA general communications as appropriate.

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21 **Leadership Development:**

- 22 • Promote available leadership development seminars, workshops, and other relevant
23 activities or resources to young physicians;
- 24 • Offer opportunities for young physician members to connect with established AMA leaders;
25 and
- 26 • Encourage young physicians to seek leadership positions in the AMA.

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28 **AMA-YPS Active Participation:**

- 29 • Monitor themes of policy discussions to ensure they reflect issues of concern for young
30 physicians;
- 31 • Continue outreach to various State and Specialty Societies as well as HOD members to
32 promote increased young physician involvement and diversity in the AMA-YPS Assembly;
- 33 • Organize and lead efforts to expand involvement and representation of young physicians
34 within the House of Delegates and among leadership roles across the organization;
- 35 • Identify opportunities for AMA-YPS Assembly members to engage other young physician
36 members in section activities; and
- 37 • Support transition of late-stage residents to the AMA-YPS.

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39 To further the Section's mission, the GC has accomplished the following activities since the
40 June 2025 AMA-YPS Assembly meeting.

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3 **YPS COMMITTEES**

4 YPS committees contribute to raising awareness of issues impacting young physicians,
5 disseminating information that could help address those issues of concern, and ensuring alignment
6 with education and policy activities when appropriate.

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8 The Governing Council continuously assesses its standing committees to ensure alignment with
9 the Section's objectives and strategic direction. After discussion at I-25, the Handbook Review
10 Committee will operate as a Standing Committee, as well as a Convention Committee for a one-
11 year trial period. After the trial period ends, there will be a report back to the Assembly if the new
12 structure accomplished what it was intended to. The YPS continues to convene the Engagement &
13 Opportunity and Professional Development Standing Committees, and the Reference Committee
14 and Credentials Committee as Convention Committees.

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16 **2025 EDUCATION SESSIONS**

17 The YPS continues to be involved in delivering educational content. At the 2025 Annual meeting,
18 the YPS hosted an educational program entitled, "From Clinician to Leader: Developing Leadership
19 Skills as a Young Physician". In this session, attendees heard from successful physician leaders
20 and were given practical strategies to develop and strengthen their own leadership skills. Lynn
21 Jeffers, MD, MBA, and Michael Suk, MD, JD, MPH, MBA, AMA Board of Trustee members, served
22 as the speakers for this program.

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24 During the 2025 Interim meeting, the YPS hosted "Evidence-Based Policy- Using Medicine to
25 Inform the Law". The speaker for this session was Kimberly Chernoby, MD, JD, MA, lawyer,
26 physician, and professor. This session focused on Dr. Chernoby's journey, exploring the
27 intersection between medicine and law. This session highlighted essential skills for effective
28 advocacy and explored best practices for promoting evidence-based policy in health care.

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30 **YPS POLICY ACTIVITIES**

31 The following AMA-YPS reports were adopted by the YPS Assembly in 2025:

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- 33 • Governing Council Activities/Action Plan Update (Report A-A-25). Report A is a compilation of
34 activities accomplished by the Section since the June 2022 YPS Assembly meeting. Updates
35 on AMA-YPS objectives are organized under four main categories: focus; communications;
36 leadership development; and membership and involvement. Report A is informational and does
37 not include recommendations.
- 38 • State Medical Society Representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly (Report B-A-25). Report B
39 provides an overview of AMA Bylaws language related to the apportionment of state medical
40 society representation in the YPS. This report lists the 2025 allocations for state medical
41 society representatives in the YPS Assembly. Further, Report B shares a framework for
42 increasing representation and promoting active participation among state medical societies.
- 43 • Specialty Society Representation and Outreach (Report C-A-25). Report C presents the criteria
44 for specialty society representation in the YPS Assembly, specialty societies represented in the
45 YPS Assembly, and strategies to gain new specialty society representation.

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- 1 • AMA-YPS Endorsements of Elected Candidates (Report D-A-25). Report D is an informational report
2 that summarizes the process for endorsing candidates for elected positions. Additionally, this report
3 provides a list of YPS endorsed candidates for election at the 2025 Annual Meeting of the HOD.
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- 5 • AMA-YPS Endorsement Selection Committee Report on YPS Endorsements for 2026 (Report E-A-
6 25). Report E is an informational report that summarizes the new process for endorsing candidates
7 for elected positions by introducing the Endorsement Selection Committee and their role in candidate
8 application review. The report also provides a list of YPS endorsed candidates for election at the
9 2026 Annual Meeting of the HOD.
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- 11 • AMA-YPS Internal Operating Procedures (Report F-A-25). Report F introduces a revised version of
12 the YPS Internal Operating Procedures to reflect the new endorsement process and to introduce the
13 Endorsement Selection Committee.
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- 15 • AMA Advocacy Efforts (Report A-I-25). Report A is an informational report that provides an overview
16 of the AMA's advocacy efforts and related resources. This report also provides an update on AMA-
17 YPS policy activities and impact.
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- 19 • AMA-YPS Handbook Review Committee IOP Update (Report B-I-25). Report B explains the
20 Governing Council's rationale for recommending that the Handbook Review Committee become a
21 Standing Committee rather than a Convention Committee.
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23 The following AMA-YPS resolutions were adopted by the Assembly in 2025:

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- 25 • Protecting Access to Emergency Abortion Care Under EMTALA (Emergency Resolution 1). This
26 resolution contained the following Resolve clauses:
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- 28 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association reaffirm policy D-5.999 Preserving Access to
29 Reproductive Health Services; and be it further
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- 31 RESOLVED, that our AMA advocate for the reinstatement of federal guidance affirming hospitals'
32 obligation under EMTALA to provide necessary emergency pregnancy care, including, but not
33 limited to, abortion care, to stabilize patients irrespective of state-level abortion restrictions; and
34 be it further
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- 36 ~~RESOLVED, that our AMA support legal and policy measures that protect physicians and other~~
37 ~~healthcare providers from criminal, civil, or professional repercussions when providing necessary~~
38 ~~emergency pregnancy care, including, but not limited to, abortion care, required under EMTALA;~~
39 ~~and be it further~~
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- 41 RESOLVED, that our AMA collaborate with relevant stakeholders, including federal agencies,
42 Congress, medical societies, and patient advocacy groups, to educate policymakers and
43 healthcare providers on EMTALA obligations concerning emergency pregnancy care, including,
44 but not limited to, necessary abortion care; and be it further
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- 46 RESOLVED, that our AMA task force established under AMA Policy G-605.009, "Establishing A
47 Task Force to Preserve the Patient-Physician Relationship When Evidence-Based, Appropriate
48 Care Is Banned or Restricted," provide ongoing recommendations and updates on navigating
49 conflicting state and federal regulations on emergency pregnancy care; and be it further
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- 51 RESOLVED, that this resolution be immediately forwarded to the 2025 Annual Meeting of the
52 AMA House of Delegates.
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1 YPS Emergency Resolution 1 was considered as Resolution 014 at the 2025 Annual Meeting.
2 Resolution 014 was adopted as amended.

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4 • Addressing Professionalism Standards in Medical Training (Resolution 1-A-25). This resolution
5 contained the following Resolve clauses:

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7 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association supports regular institutional review,
8 including review by DEI offices or other appropriate entities, of professionalism policies in medical
9 school and residency programs, ensuring that they do not lead to discriminatory practices; and be
10 it further

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12 RESOLVED, that our AMA supports the ACGME, the AAMC, and AACOM to establish guidelines
13 for residency programs and medical school professionalism policies that encourage institutions to
14 outline actions that constitute a violation; and be it further

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16 RESOLVED, that our AMA advocates for AAMC, ACGME, and AACOM to support measures that
17 prevent medical schools and residency programs from using professionalism violations as a
18 means to stop trainee advocacy measures.

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20 YPS Resolution 1 was not sent to the HOD as it is already covered in existing policy.

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22 • Preservation of Medicaid (Resolution 2-A-25). This resolution contained the following Resolve
23 clauses:

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25 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association elevates ~~will make preservation of federal~~
26 ~~funding and eligibility for all public health insurance programs, including Medicaid and CHIP, to an~~
27 urgent and top legislative advocacy priority alongside Medicare payment reform, specifically
28 advocating for maintaining and expanding Medicaid coverage, access, federal funding, and
29 eligibility, effective immediately at the conclusion of the Annual 2025 House of Delegates
30 Meeting; and be it further

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32 RESOLVED, that our AMA strongly opposes federal and state efforts to restrict eligibility,
33 coverage, access, and funding for public health insurance programs, including Medicaid and
34 CHIP.

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36 ~~RESOLVED, that the AMA YPS immediately forward this resolution for consideration by the AMA~~
37 ~~House of Delegates at the Annual 2025 Meeting~~

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39 YPS Resolution 2 was immediately forwarded to the House of Delegates at the 2025 Annual
40 Meeting and considered as Resolution 221. Resolution 221 was adopted as amended

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2 • Preserving Autonomy in the Patient-Physician Relationship (Resolution 3-A-25). This resolution
3 contained the following Resolve clauses:

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5 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association will study ~~reevaluate~~ relevant sections
6 of the *Code of Medical Ethics* to address outside political and administrative, ~~and financial~~
7 influences on the patient physician relationship and its impact on shared decision making
8 in the clinical setting.

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10 YPS Resolution 3 was considered as Resolution 005 at the 2025 Interim Meeting.
11 Resolution 005 was adopted as amended.

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13 Details about the YPS active positions may be found in the 2025 Annual YPS Assembly Digest of
14 Actions and 2025 Interim YPS Assembly Digest of Actions, which are located on the [YPS](#)
15 [policymaking page](#). Information on final HOD actions can be found in in the [2025 Annual](#) and 2025
16 Interim proceedings.

17 18 **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

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20 YPS members can now explore ways to get involved and become active leaders in organized
21 medicine by browsing a list of leadership opportunities on an [AMA-YPS Web page](#) devoted to
22 physician leadership and involvement opportunities. Your GC encourages all members to contact
23 us if you are interested in a leadership opportunity.

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25 Various young physicians are serving prestigious leadership positions within the AMA, their
26 medical societies, and their workplaces:

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28 • Ray Lorenzoni, MD, is the President of the Fairfield County Medical Association in Connecticut
29 and serves as the Vice-Chair of the Policy Council at the Connecticut State Medical Society.
30 Dr. Lorenzoni also published, "[Navigating the Physician Journey Across the Domains of Health](#)
31 [Policy: Learning, Contributing, and Leading](#)" in the American Association for Physician
32 Leadership.
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34 • Klint Peebles, MD, serves as the YPS Representative on the LGBTQ+ Section Governing
35 Council. The Section enhances AMA policy, advocacy, and education on LGBTQ issues.

36 37 **COMMUNICATIONS**

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39 The AMA-YPS GC contributes to two-way communications between the AMA and our young
40 physician members during and between meetings. In addition, the AMA-YPS GC contributes to
41 regular updates on AMA initiatives and other topics of interest to young physicians. The GC works
42 to ensure that the young physician perspective is represented in various AMA communications
43 channels as appropriate. One example is the [YPS members and news highlights](#), which features a
44 message from the current YPS Chair and updates on YPS activities.

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46 Assembly members are encouraged to sign up for the *AMA Morning Rounds* and *AMA Morning*
47 *Rounds Weekend Edition*, a members-only, daily and weekly e-newsletter that highlights the latest
48 top-of-the-page news and information for physicians. Young physician members can also learn
49 about AMA and AMA-YPS opportunities by subscribing to *AMA Member and Special Group News*.
50 These monthly newsletters provide updates on advocacy issues, involvement opportunities, and
51 news about YPS Assembly meeting deadlines. Visit the [Email Newsletter Publications](#) page and
52 select the which newsletter options you wish to receive.

53 54 **AMA-YPS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION**

1 The YPS GC will continue its efforts to increase representation in the YPS Assembly, particularly
2 among diverse physicians. In addition, the GC will continue to work with the Resident and Fellow
3 Section to identify opportunities that will support the transition of late-stage residents to the YPS.

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5 Lastly, policymaking support is provided before and during YPS Assembly meetings. Discussions
6 on HOD Handbook Review Committee positions and parliamentary procedure training are among
7 the different actions taken by the section to facilitate the policymaking process. The section hosts
8 an online forum that allows Assembly members an opportunity to comment on YPS reports and
9 resolutions

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11 **CONCLUSION**

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13 Your GC believes this report demonstrates its commitment to represent and advocate for young
14 physicians, enhance membership value and communications, and promote leadership
15 development. The GC appreciates the Assembly's continued support of its projects and activities,
16 and the Assembly's dedication to young physician issues. The GC encourages Assembly members
17 to share AMA-YPS accomplishments and contact the GC directly with ideas and comments.

