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# Speakers’ Letter

**2022 Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates  
November 12–15, 2022 Hawai`i Convention Center, Honolulu**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following information is provided to aid your planning for the upcoming Interim Meeting in Honolulu. We would particularly like to call your attention to the health and safety information on pages 2 and 3.

Please call 312.464.4463, send an email to [hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org) or visit [ama-assn.org/hod-interim-meeting](http://ama-assn.org/hod-interim-meeting) if you have questions regarding any of the following items or questions on American Medical Association (AMA) policy. Previous communications from your Speakers are on the AMA [website](http://ama-assn.org) as well. Watch the Interim Meeting [website](http://ama-assn.org) for updates to this *Speakers’ Letter*.

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## House of Delegates schedule

The 2022 Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) will meet Nov. 12–15 at the Hawai`i Convention Center in Honolulu. The AMA-HOD will convene at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 in the Kalakaua Ballroom, and your Speakers ask that delegates be seated by 12:45 p.m. We anticipate that the Opening Session will run for about 90 minutes. Following the opening there will be an Open Forum on Health Equity hosted by our Center for Health Equity, as requested by the House (see page 8).

On Sunday, Nov. 13, the “Second Opening” of the AMA-HOD will be in session from 8 a.m. to approximately 8:30 a.m. to receive and approve items of business for this Interim Meeting. The agenda will include consideration of the report of the Resolution Committee, the standing rules, late resolutions, extraction of informational reports and items from the reaffirmation consent calendar. Reference committee hearings will begin immediately after the session and continue until completed. Six reference committees will meet concurrently: the Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution & Bylaws as well as Reference Committees B, C, F, J, and K. The focus of the Interim Meeting is on advocacy-related business, and reference committees will deal with the indicated business and meet in the following locations:

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| Amendments to Constitution & Bylaws                    | Room 313 A-C                      |
| B Legislative advocacy                                 | Exhibit Hall III (Kamehameha III) |
| C Advocacy on medical education                        | Room 311                          |
| F AMA governance and finance                           | Kalakaua Ballroom                 |
| J Advocacy on medical service, practice, and insurance | Room 316 A-C                      |
| K Advocacy on science and public health                | Room 323 A-C                      |

The House will convene for consideration of reference committee reports at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14 and go until 6 p.m. that day. Tuesday’s final session will convene at 8 a.m. and will run as long as necessary. Although we hope to complete our business by noon, we implore you to schedule departures for the late afternoon or evening of Tuesday so that all items of business can receive full consideration.

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](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org) or phone 312.464.4344.

**Watch for updates to this *Speakers Letter* on the meeting [website](http://ama-assn.org)!  
All events are at the Hawai`i Convention Center unless otherwise noted.**

## Meeting details and reminders

### Handbook distribution

The initial handbook will be posted on the Interim Meeting website by October 14 as a single large document as well as in a set of smaller documents collated by reference committee. The addendum will be posted about October 25, and when it is posted, both the original handbook and the addendum will be available separately along with a combined document that interleaves the two. An abridged handbook containing only the recommendations from reports and the resolve clauses from resolutions will also be available as a Word document and as a Google document.

Hardcopy handbooks will be mailed by October 17 to delegates and alternate delegates who have previously received paper copies, with the addendum scheduled to go out on or about October 31. Primary distribution of the handbook and addendum will be by download from the Interim Meeting [website](#).

### Health and safety considerations

Your Board of Trustees adopted the following health and safety protocol that will be in place for the House of Delegates and all section meetings. Please be aware that this protocol is the minimum requirement, while noting that your Board continues to monitor the environment and may implement more stringent requirements. This protocol applies to ALL attendees, including section members, delegates, alternate delegates, and all guests, including Federation staff, spouses, and family members. **No one will be allowed to register without meeting these requirements. Note also that children attending CampAMA must meet distinct requirements (see page 3).** Watch the meeting [website](#) for possible updates.

1. All attendees must attest during the registration process that they have at least completed the primary series vaccination and one booster. Attendees are strongly encouraged to be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccinations (per CDC recommendations in effect on September 2, 2022) as authorized or approved by the Food and Drug Administration, or for international guests, the World Health Organization.
  - Only verified medical exemptions will be honored. Please email [vaxexempt@ama-assn.org](mailto:vaxexempt@ama-assn.org) for further instructions.
  - No other exemptions will be allowed.
2. Attendees will attest during registration that they will perform tests and not participate in the meeting if positive. Attendees will be provided two tests upon arrival at the meeting. Attendees are encouraged to test for COVID-19 prior to departure for the meeting, if they exhibit symptoms during the meeting, and following their return home from the meeting.
3. CDC recommendations or requirements of Honolulu or Hawaii in effect at the time of the meeting will be enacted and enforced.

The AMA Interim House of Delegates, Section Meetings and associated AMA-sponsored functions will be mask friendly. Masks are welcome but not required. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so and their decision should be respected. Attendees are welcome to wear masks and are encouraged to bring well fitted masks for their personal use. A limited supply of medical grade masks will be available at the meeting. A limited supply of additional COVID-19 rapid tests will also be available for those wishing to perform additional self-tests. Attendees, particularly those with guests, are encouraged to bring a supply of tests for their use. (Hawaiian authorities.) **Requirements of Honolulu in effect at the time of the meeting will be enacted and enforced.**

### Registration

Advance registration online is required for all attendees of section and House meetings, including guests and children. As part of the registration process, attendees will be required to attest to the Health & Safety protocol, the Code of Conduct policy, and a liability waiver. Therefore, **EACH attendee must personally register**, including all HOD delegates and alternate delegates. Participants will be asked to register their guests, including children, during this registration process. Organizations represented in the House of Delegates should have previously submitted the names of their delegates and alternate delegates for credentialing to the HOD Office.

Registration is currently open for the House of Delegates and all section meetings. To get started, visit the [meeting registration site](#) and sign in.

Delegates and alternate delegates should check with their sponsoring society well ahead of their arrival in Honolulu to ensure that their names have been submitted to the Office of House of Delegates Affairs. Under AMA bylaws all delegates and alternate delegates must be credentialed by the society that they will represent before each meeting. Individuals whose credentials have not been confirmed prior to the Interim Meeting will have to be accompanied to the AMA Registration Desk by an officer of their society to register.

To pick up your credentials and meeting materials at the Convention Center, all attendees will be required to provide photo identification at the AMA Registration Desk. Registration will be available on the following days and hours:

- Wednesday, Nov. 9: 2 – 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 10: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 11: 6:15 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 12: 6:15 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov 13: 6:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 14: 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 15: 7 a.m. – noon

Please note that badges must not be adorned with stickers, ribbons, pins, or any other paraphernalia, as the badge will include security features that the security officers must be able to see for you to enter all meeting areas. Only approved ribbons, which will be provided at registration, are allowed to be attached to badges.

Delegates and alternate delegates must be **credentialed by their sponsoring society**. In addition each delegate and alternate delegate must **personally register** through [CVENT](#) for this meeting. Please note that these are unique processes and that sponsoring societies should not attempt to register delegates and alternates via CVENT.

### Childcare at CampAMA

Our AMA is once again providing childcare, but to ensure sufficient, qualified help, **advance registration is required to participate**. As part of the registration process, parents will be required to agree to the Terms and Conditions of Attendance including the Health & Safety Protocol as detailed below. The deadline for registration is Nov. 3. Please note that a maximum of 50 children can be accommodated on any given day due to space restrictions. No walk-ups can be accommodated. 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.

CampAMA will be held in the Hilton Hawaiian Village during the following dates and times. Parents will be notified of the exact location upon registration.

- Thursday, Nov. 10 through Monday, Nov. 14, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7 a.m. – 60 minutes after the close of the HOD

To register your children in CampAMA please go to [CampAMA registration](#).

*Health and safety for childcare:* The Board of Trustees has adopted the following Health & Safety Protocol for CampAMA I-22:

1. Any child with a fever or exhibiting other symptoms of illness should not participate in CampAMA. Children who become ill during the day must be picked up by their parent(s) upon notification.
2. Parents of all children eligible for vaccination (ages 6 months and older) will be required to attest that their child is up to date on vaccination (per CDC recommendations in effect on September 2, 2022).
  - Medical exemptions will be honored.
  - No other exemptions will be allowed.

3. While masking is not currently required, parents of all children over age 2 will be expected to supply an appropriately fitting mask should circumstances require such.
4. Parents are required to have children over age 2 to have a negative COVID-19 test within 24 hours of attending CampAMA. A negative COVID-19 test is also required to return to CampAMA should the child have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or receive a diagnosis of COVID-19. Parents will be asked to attest to the result of testing.

### **Meeting attire**

Business attire is expected for those seated on the dais during business sessions; business casual dress is appropriate at other times during the Interim Meeting. In keeping with local norms, aloha attire is acceptable whenever business casual attire is in order.

### **Conflict-of-interest policy**

Your Speakers have received inquiries about conflicts of interest and the HOD process for disclosing and managing conflicts. Your Speakers, together with the Office of General Counsel offer the following guidance which is also detailed in the House of Delegates Reference Manual.

Immediately prior to testifying before the House or a reference committee, every individual must publicly disclose their actual or potential conflicts of interest, if any. A disclosable “conflict of interest” is an interest that is or may be material to the matter being considered and that would reasonably be expected to impair the objectivity of the individual who is testifying. Conflicts of interest, however, do not include an interest that results solely from the fact the testifying individual is a physician or medical student, in recognition that most testifying individuals have the same interest. When in doubt as to whether a conflict of interest exists or is disclosable, your Speakers recommend that individuals err on the side of caution and disclose any actual or potential conflicts to preserve the integrity of our process.

Upon disclosure of any conflicts of interest, an individual may testify without encumbrance. A delegate who thinks or knows that a testifying individual has an undisclosed actual or potential conflict of interest may ask the Speakers of the House or the chair of the reference committee, as applicable, to have the testifying individual disclose their conflict, if any. The Speakers or the chair, as applicable, have sole discretion to decide all matters related to the appropriate disclosure and management of conflicts of interests before the House or reference committee, respectively. The Speakers and reference committee chairs may consult the Office of General Counsel and appropriate others as needed to decide the matter.

Your Speakers have determined that this guidance also applies to resolutions introduced by delegations. The sponsoring delegation must disclose the identity of any delegate or alternate delegate who has a conflict of 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 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 at [hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org).

### **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. Attendees should conduct themselves in a manner that is attune to the highest ideals of the profession. As a condition of attending and participating in any meeting all attendees must agree to adhere to this Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct extends beyond formal sessions to include all dinners, receptions, and social gatherings held in conjunction with AMA-hosted meetings.

The Office of General Counsel will appoint a “Conduct Liaison” for all AMA House of Delegates meetings and all other AMA-hosted events. The Conduct Liaison will have responsibility for receiving reports of alleged policy violations, conducting investigations, and initiating both immediate and longer-term consequences for

such violations. Alternatively, violations may be reported using an AMA reporting hotline (telephone and online) maintained by a third party on behalf of the AMA.

At the Opening Session of all House of Delegates meetings, the Code of Conduct is ratified as a part of our Standing Rules. AMA policy and further details regarding the Code of Conduct can be accessed at [ama-assn.org/codeofconduct](http://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.

### **Announcements of candidacy for 2023 elections**

Individuals who intend to seek election at the 2023 Annual Meeting are reminded that printed announcements may not be distributed in the meeting venue. Announcements provided to us before noon, Sunday, Nov. 13 will be projected on the last day of the meeting. An electronic announcement should be submitted to the House of Delegates Office ([hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org)). Announcements must comply with the rules found in Policy G-610.020, paragraph two. 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 projected. Announcements that were received at A-22 will again be projected along with any new announcements received prior to the deadline. Announcements will be posted online on the candidate [page](#) after the meeting.

### **Online member forums**

Pursuant to Policy D-600.956, adopted at the November 2021 Special Meeting, commentary submitted to the online member forums will be considered by each reference committee to generate a preliminary document to inform the discussion at the in-person reference committee hearings. Nonetheless, the subject of consideration at the reference committee hearings will be the original submission. The policy further specifies that the forums should be open no longer than 14 days. The forums will open October 18 and close in the early morning of Nov. 1 (day 15), which will allow the reference committees to develop and post their preliminary documents by Nov. 8, before the meeting gets underway on Nov. 12. The forums can be accessed directly at [here](#) or via the meeting [website](#).

Note that six (6) reference committees will be held simultaneously on Sunday morning, which is in line with the usual in-person Interim Meeting schedule. Your Speakers are aware that this may present a challenge, particularly for smaller delegations wishing to testify on items in multiple reference committees. We strongly encourage all individuals to participate in the Online Forum. In addition, we will once again be projecting the current item under discussion for each reference committee in all hearing rooms.

### **Mentorship and financial support**

Medical students and residents/fellows are an integral part of our AMA, and their voices are critical to our deliberative process. The integration of students and residents into the formalized state and specialty delegations provides valuable mentorship to and continued participation from these members of our House. Our HOD has a historical commitment to supporting our student and resident/fellow delegates and alternate delegates. Delegations are encouraged to continue the financial support and active involvement of these members.

### **Registry of retiring delegates and retiring medical executives**

A registry of delegates and alternate delegates who are retiring from the House and medical society executives who are retiring will be recognized during the meeting. Names may be faxed to 312.464.4505 or emailed to [hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org) prior to Monday, Nov. 7. Otherwise, please provide names to the Headquarters Office in the Hawai'i Convention Center by noon on Sunday, Nov. 13.

**Airline discounts**

United Airlines and Southwest Airlines are offering discounts for members traveling to the meeting.

For United Airlines, go to [united.com/meetingtravel](https://www.united.com/meetingtravel), enter Offer Code ZKHJ967696 in the “Offer Code” box, and enter origin, destination, and travel dates. Available flights will be displayed. When an available flight is selected, the discounted fare will automatically be calculated. The discount is valid for travel three days prior to and three days after the official meeting dates. You may also call the United Meeting Reservation Desk at 800.426.1122 and provide the agent with the offer code ZKHJ967696. Booking fees are waived for meeting reservations.

For Southwest Airlines, go to [swabiz.com](https://www.swabiz.com), enter Company ID 99148453, and enter origin, destination, and travel dates. The discount is eligible for reservations to Honolulu booked through Nov. 16, for travel Nov. 6 through Nov. 18 when booked exclusively through [swabiz.com](https://www.swabiz.com).

**Distribution of nonbusiness items**

As was the case in June, we do not anticipate distributing not-for-official-business bags. If you or your society have something you wish to have distributed to the House, we ask that you let us know ([hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org)) so that we can make necessary arrangements. Your items must be delivered to the AMA’s staff offices in the Hawai’i Convention Center by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, although they will not be distributed in the House until Saturday.

**Proceedings of the 2022 Annual Meeting**

The [draft](#) of the *Proceedings of the House of Delegates* for this past June’s Annual Meeting (A-22) has been posted on the AMA website. Approval of the minutes from A-22 is an action item during Sunday’s Second Opening. [PolicyFinder](#) has been updated to reflect actions from the meeting as captured in the *Proceedings*. Corrections should be sent to [hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org).

**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.

**Live streaming for I-22**

All business sessions and reference committee hearings at the 2022 Interim Meeting will be streamed live. Arrangements are still being made, and when available, links will be posted on the meeting website.

Update: The links are can be accessed on the meeting website [agenda page](#) and are as follows:

House of Delegates Business Sessions	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/96864898856">https://zoom.us/j/96864898856</a>
Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution & Bylaws	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/91590077521">https://zoom.us/j/91590077521</a>
Reference Committee B: Legislative advocacy	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/99849760505">https://zoom.us/j/99849760505</a>
Reference Committee C: Advocacy on medical education	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/95995177413">https://zoom.us/j/95995177413</a>
Reference Committee F: Advocacy related to AMA governance	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/94600096482">https://zoom.us/j/94600096482</a>
Reference Committee J: Advocacy on medical service & practice	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/94662717063">https://zoom.us/j/94662717063</a>
Reference Committee K: Advocacy on science & public health	<a href="https://zoom.us/j/99879306143">https://zoom.us/j/99879306143</a>

**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 the meeting webpages to access the reference manual.

## Meetings and caucuses

### Section meeting news

The sections' 2022 interim meetings will be held Nov. 10-11 at the Hawai'i Convention Center. Visit each section's meeting page for agendas and other meeting documents.

- [Academic Physicians Section](#) (APS), Nov. 11, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- [Advisory Committee on LGBTQ Issues](#) (LGBTQ), Nov. 11, 4-6 p.m.
- [Integrated Physician Practice Section](#) (IPPS), Nov. 11, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- [International Medical Graduates Section](#) (IMGS), Nov. 11, 3-5:30 p.m.
- [Medical Student Section](#) (MSS), Nov. 10, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. | Nov. 11, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- [Minority Affairs Section](#) (MAS), Nov. 11, 2-5 p.m.
- [Organized Medical Staff Section](#) (OMSS), Nov. 11, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- [Private Practice Physicians Section](#) (PPPS), Nov. 11, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- [Resident and Fellow Section](#) (RFS), Nov. 11, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- [Senior Physicians Section](#) (SPS), Nov. 11, 2:30-5 p.m.
- [Women Physicians Section](#) (WPS), Nov. 11, 4-6 p.m.
- [Young Physicians Section](#) (YPS), Nov. 11, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

### Obesity Caucus

You are invited to attend the Obesity Caucus from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 in Room 305 A-B at the Convention Center. The caucus is open to all meeting attendees. The group strives to improve health outcomes with regard to obesity.

Our AMA has recognized obesity as a disease, researched the state of obesity education in training programs, supported access to evidence-based treatments, opposed barriers to care, and passed policy aimed at reducing bias and stigma towards those affected by obesity. Nevertheless, obesity levels continue to climb, insurance coverage for these evidence-based treatments remains sparse, and education remains spotty. Further, those living with obesity have been disproportionately affected by the current COVID-19 pandemic, experiencing a higher rate of ICU admission, mechanical ventilation, and death.

The AMA played a key role in helping Americans stop smoking, and the AMA is currently fighting to reduce deaths caused by the opioid epidemic. Similarly, by working together, our AMA can make a difference in reducing morbidity and mortality from obesity, which is now estimated to affect over 40% of all Americans.

### Speaker-to-speaker meeting plans

After a three-year hiatus, we will hold a speaker-to-speaker session at I-22. Meet us at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 in Room 319B at the Hawai'i Convention Center. The session is open to anyone interested in discussing meeting processes; you need not be a speaker to participate. Topic suggestions may be sent to [hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org); all ideas are welcome.

## Educational programming

The AMA invites all meeting participants to attend the education sessions offered from Friday, Nov. 11 through Tuesday, Nov. 15. Sessions designated for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>TM</sup> are indicated by an asterisk (\*) below.

Find out about the new, simplified CME credits claiming process. Stop by the AMA Ed Hub booth near the Kalakaua Ballroom Foyer in the Hawai'i Convention Center.

To claim credit for an AMA-sponsored educational session offered during the meeting, a session code will no longer be needed. Simply visit [ama-assn.org/122](https://ama-assn.org/122), log in with your AMA account (or [create one](#)), select the appropriate session, and take the CME quiz. The deadline to claim credit for sessions certified by the AMA is December 31, 2022, at 11:59 p.m.

Discover more ways to earn CME on the AMA [Ed Hub](#)<sup>™</sup>, online learning from the AMA and other trusted sources – all in one place.

### [AMA CME Accreditation Information](#)

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 Credit(s)*<sup>™</sup> reflected with each session. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### **\*Health Equity Open Forum: Achieving health equity through the Medical Justice in Advocacy Fellowship and Rise to Health: A National Coalition for Equity in Health Care**

2:30 – 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, Kalakaua Ballroom

Hosted by the Center for Health Equity

This two-session forum focuses on health equity and advocacy efforts led by physicians and professional organizations.

The first session will provide a brief overview of Rise to Health: A National Coalition for Equity in Health Care, at which attendees will learn about key strategies and concrete actions Professional Societies and individual health care practitioners can take to advance health equity. Discussion and networking will continue at the reception following the forum.

In the second session the inaugural cohort of the Medical Justice in Advocacy Fellowship (MJAF) will present their culminating health equity projects. Projects encompass physician-led advocacy to advance health equity for marginalized and minoritized people and communities. Through rotating small group discussions, participants will explore these projects and identify opportunities for replication of physician-led advocacy in their own settings.

After participating in this session, attendees will be able to:

- List some actions professional organizations can take to advance health equity
- Discuss why training a cohort of physician leaders in anti-racist, equity-centered policy analysis, development, and leadership is critical to advancing health equity
- Describe how physicians are advancing equity through their organizational and advocacy work

For more information, contact William Jordan, MD, MPH at [william.jordan@ama-assn.org](mailto:william.jordan@ama-assn.org) or call 312.464.4593.

**Credit Designation Statement:** The American Medical Association designates this live activity for a maximum of 2.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### **\*CEJA Open Forum: Finding Opportunities to Promote Equity in Health Care**

2:30 – 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, Room 318B

Hosted by the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs

The AMA *Code of Medical Ethics* speaks to matters of equity in health care in guidance on physicians' ethical responsibilities to promote access to care, to avoid discriminating against or exploiting patients and research participants, to be prudent stewards of health care resources, and to allocate limited resources fairly, among others.



This 90-minute live educational activity will focus on identifying barriers to equity and explore concrete practices, tools, and resources that can help physicians translate the aspirational guidance of the *Code* into practical action that promotes equity in their interactions with patients and colleagues and across the health care institutions with which they are affiliated. The full agenda for the forum is online at [ama-assn.org/go/ceja](https://ama-assn.org/go/ceja). It provides additional information on this topic, as well as instructions on how to submit testimony electronically. Written testimony submitted to the Council will be given the same consideration as oral testimony.

After participating in the session, participants will be able to

- Recognize barriers equitable care in day-to-day practice within their offices and institutions
- Identify concrete tools and resources to overcome barriers to equitable health care
- Discuss opportunities to develop policies and procedures to better promote equity within health care institutions

The Open Forum will be open to all AMA members, interested non-members, other guests, and the press. Open Forum attendees are invited to introduce emerging ethical issues that may warrant attention from CEJA and inclusion in the AMA *Code of Medical Ethics*.

**Credit Designation Statement:** The American Medical Association designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### **\*Addressing Misinformation and Misconceptions: Caring for Patients with Persistent Symptoms Attributed to Lyme Disease**

2:30 – 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, Room 317B

Hosted by the AMA's Health, Science, & Ethics and Strategic Insights teams

Lyme disease is the most common vector-borne disease in the United States and its incidence is expected to increase with climate change. Most cases of Lyme disease can be cured with a course of oral antibiotics. However, some patients have concerns about persistent symptoms they attribute to Lyme disease. Physicians often find it challenging to treat these patients due to the lack of evidence-based guidance and growing patient exposure to misinformation. The AMA, with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, collected expert opinions from physicians (n=25) from a range of specialties (primary care, neurology, rheumatology, psychiatry, and infectious diseases) through in-depth interviews and focus groups to inform guidance on evaluating and treating patients with concerns for persistent symptoms attributed to Lyme disease. In this interactive session, participants will learn about the initial findings of this study. Participants will be able to describe sources and types of misinformation that patients might be exposed to and explain best practices in responding to patient concerns. Participants will take part in breakout discussions to learn from colleagues and share their own experiences managing patients, addressing misinformation, and evaluating resources that could support physicians in treating these patients.

At the end of this activity participants will be able to:

- Describe sources and types of misinformation that patients might be exposed to
- Explain best practices in responding to patient concerns
- Discuss their own experiences managing patients, addressing misinformation, and evaluating resources that could support physicians in treating these patients

**Credit Designation Statement:** The American Medical Association designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**\*Litigation Center Open Meeting**

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, Room 317A

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

The principal presentations will focus on the AMA's role in *African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council v. FDA* and on recent developments in *Montana Medical Association v. Knudsen*. Find out how the AMA and the other plaintiffs in the AATCLC case compelled the federal government to take the first steps banning menthol cigarettes. Learn about the Montana Medical Association fight to overturn a law that prohibits physicians and hospitals from requiring their employees to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or any other disease (including diseases not yet manifested to medical science).

After participating in the session, participants will be able to

- Recognize the AMA's role in current public health lawsuits regarding tobacco
- Discuss the AMA's role in the AATCLC case against the FDA and how it compelled the federal government to take the first steps banning menthol cigarettes
- Describe the circumstances under which physicians should require their office staff to be vaccinated

Further information is available by contacting Leonard Nelson at [leonard.nelson@ama-assn.org](mailto:leonard.nelson@ama-assn.org).

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**\*Workplace Violence in Healthcare Settings**

2:30 – 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, Room 318A

Hosted by Surgical Caucus

**Mark A Dobbertien, DO, FACS, MBA, a member of the Florida Delegation and the surgical caucus will present this session on workplace violence in the healthcare setting.**

The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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**PASC/Long COVID Syndrome: 2022 Update**

3 – 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, Room 319A

Hosted by the Mobility Caucus

Post-acute SARS-CoV-2/Long COVID syndrome continues to be an ongoing health issue concern in the United States, especially as new virus variants continue to be seen. This course will review the current understanding of evolving COVID-19 variants, the ongoing physiologic and mental health effects PASC/Long COVID Syndrome, and a discussion of the development of a nationwide collaboration among multiple Long COVID Treatment Clinics.

Session/Outline:

1. One Boost or Two: The status of current COVID-19 Variants, Vaccines, and Boosters – Sandra Fryhofer, MD
2. Cardiopulmonary and Musculoskeletal Complications in PASC/Long COVID – Carlo Milani, MD
3. Neurological Sequelae in PASC/Long COVID – John Vasudevan, MD
4. Psychiatric and Mental Health Concerns in PASC/Long COVID – Patrice Harris, MD, MA
5. PASC/Long COVID Clinic Development: A National Collaborative – Stuart Glassman, MD, MBA

**COL Open Forum**

9 – 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, Room 312

Hosted by the Council on Legislation

Hear from the Council on Legislation’s Executive Committee how our AMA is working to protect the interests of physicians and our patients through its federal and state advocacy efforts. The forum is also intended to provide HOD attendees the opportunity to share with the Council and others in the room their comments on emerging federal and state legislative and regulatory issues impacting patients and the practice of medicine.

**Exhibit area****AMPAC’s Capitol Club**

Due to the logistical challenges of having a speaker in Honolulu, AMPAC will not be hosting a Capitol Club luncheon during the Interim Meeting. Although AMPAC is not having an official event, please stop by the AMPAC booth to pick up a special gift. The AMPAC booth will be located outside the House of Delegates meeting room at the Hawai‘i Convention Center. The booth will be open for business on Saturday, Nov. 12 through Tuesday, Nov. 15.

AMPAC will also begin accepting contributions for 2023. AMPAC is the American Medical Association’s bipartisan political action committee that directly supports medicine-friendly candidates running for federal office. By contributing to AMPAC, you help strengthen our collective voice in Washington and safeguard the interests of our profession.

Thank you for your generous support during this important 2022 election year!

**AMA Member Center booth**

Visit the AMA Member Center Booth and pick up your gift! The Member Center will be located in the Convention Center, on the fourth floor outside the ballroom from Friday, Nov. 11 through Tuesday.

- Pick up your gift (to enjoy in the sunny weather!)
- Sign up to be an AMA Ambassador
- Learn about member benefits
- Snap a pic at the selfie station and post on social media

**AMA Ambassadors in the Member Center**

All [AMA Ambassadors](#) and prospective AMA Ambassadors are invited to stop by the AMA Member Center booth. Come and learn how to share and amplify the work of the AMA Recovery Plan for America’s Physicians. AMA Ambassadors Program staff will be available during the following days and hours:

- Friday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 12, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 13, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 14, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Special events****Catholic Mass**

We are seeking a priest to preside at Catholic Mass on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. If arrangements can be made, we will update the online version of this *Speakers’ Letter* and include an announcement during the Opening Session. Mass will be in Honolulu 2 if arrangements can be made.

**Special Celebration in honor of Drs. Bailey and Harmon**

Two years of special meetings meant that the inaugurations of Dr. Susan Rudd Bailey and Dr. Gerald Harmon had to be foregone. To celebrate their service as presidents of our AMA, a special reception is planned in their

honor from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sunday evening (Nov. 13) on the Great Lawn at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. All are invited.

### **AMA Ambassador activities**

In addition to stopping by the Member Center booth, Ambassadors may find the following helpful:

- AMA Ambassadors may join the Interim Meeting Ambassador [GroupMe](#) (group text app) for quick access to all Interim Meeting related events and information for AMA Ambassadors.
- All current AMA Ambassadors are invited to the Ambassador Reunion Reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11. The venue will be shared in the aforementioned Ambassador GroupMe or email J. Mori Johnson at [jmori.johnson@ama-assn.org](mailto:jmori.johnson@ama-assn.org).
- If you would like to learn more and enroll in the AMA Ambassador Program, enroll at [ama-assn.org/ambassadors](http://ama-assn.org/ambassadors). All questions should be directed to J. Mori Johnson via email, [jmori.johnson@ama-assn.org](mailto:jmori.johnson@ama-assn.org) or via phone or text 773.263.4255.

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.)  
 Activities offering continuing medical education credit are preceded by an asterisk (\*)

Time	Event	Location
<b>Wednesday, November 9</b>		
2-6 p.m.	Registration	Convention Center
<b>Thursday, November 10</b>		
7 a.m.-5 p.m.	Registration	Convention Center
7 a.m.-7 p.m.	<i>CampAMA</i>	<i>Hilton</i>
<b>Friday, November 11</b>		
6:15 a.m.-6 p.m.	Registration	Convention Center
7 a.m.-7 p.m.	<i>CampAMA</i>	<i>Hilton</i>
5:30-6:30 p.m.	Ambassador Reunion Reception	TBD
<b>Saturday, November 12</b>		
6:15 a.m.-6 p.m.	Registration	Convention Center
7 a.m.-7 p.m.	<i>CampAMA</i>	<i>Hilton</i>
<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>HOD Opening Session</b>	<b>Kalakaua Ballroom</b>
2:30-5 p.m.	*Equity Open Forum: Achieving Health Equity Through the National Health Care Equity Initiative and the Medical Justice in Advocacy Fellowship	Kalakaua Ballroom
6:30 p.m.	<i>Catholic Mass</i>	<i>Honolulu 2 at the Hilton</i>
<b>Sunday, November 13</b>		
6:30 a.m.-4 p.m.	Registration	Convention Center
7 a.m.-7 p.m.	<i>CampAMA</i>	<i>Hilton</i>
<b>8-8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>HOD Second Opening</b>	<b>Kalakaua Ballroom</b>
<b>8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution &amp; Bylaws</b>	<b>Room 313 A-C</b>
<b>8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Reference Committee B</b>	<b>Kamehameha III</b>
<b>8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Reference Committee C</b>	<b>Room 311</b>
<b>8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Reference Committee F</b>	<b>Kalakaua Ballroom</b>
<b>8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Reference Committee J</b>	<b>Room 316 A-C</b>
<b>8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Reference Committee K</b>	<b>Room 323 A-C</b>
Noon	Deadline for submission of retiring delegates and executives	Headquarters Office
2:30-3:30 p.m.	Obesity caucus	Room 305 AB
2:30-3:30 p.m.	Speaker-to-speaker session	Room 319B
2:30-4 p.m.	*CEJA Open Forum: Finding Opportunities to Promote Equity in Health Care	Room 318B
2:30-4 p.m.	*Addressing Misinformation and Misconceptions: Caring for Patients with Persistent Symptoms Attributed to Lyme Disease	Room 317B
2:30-4 p.m.	*Workplace Violence in Healthcare Settings	Room 318A
2:30-4:30 p.m.	*Litigation Center Open Meeting	Room 317A
3-4 p.m.	PASC/Long COVID Syndrome: 2022 Update	Room 319A
5:30-7 p.m.	<i>Special Celebration in honor of Drs. Bailey and Harmon</i>	<i>Great Lawn at Hilton</i>
<b>Monday, November 14</b>		
7 a.m.-6 p.m.	Registration	Convention Center
7 a.m.-7 p.m.	<i>CampAMA</i>	<i>Hilton</i>
9-10:30 a.m.	COL Open Forum	Room 312
<b>1-6 p.m.</b>	<b>HOD business session</b>	<b>Kalakaua Ballroom</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 15</b>		
7 a.m.-noon	Registration	Convention Center
7 a.m.-1 hour after adjournment	<i>CampAMA</i>	<i>Hilton</i>
<b>8 a.m.</b>	<b>HOD business session</b>	<b>Kalakaua Ballroom</b>

Excepting those in *italics*, all events are at the Hawai'i Convention Center.