

I-26 Women Physicians Section Representative Report to the Young Physicians Section

The Women Physicians Section (WPS) will be hosting several events during the 2026 Interim Meeting.

Education

On Friday, November 6, the WPS is co-hosting an education session with the LGBTQ+ Section, RFS, and UMAS. The program titled “Who Speaks for You When You’re Not in the Room? Sponsorship, Allyship, and Building Inclusive Physician Leadership” will take place from 1:30 – 2:30 pm in the Mockingbird 1 room.

Business Meeting

The I-26 WPS Business meeting will take place on Friday, November 6 from 3 – 5 :30 pm in the Pelican 1 room. The meeting will feature a review of HOD items of business and a Leadership Program.

Health Equity Caucus

The WPS and the LGBTQ+ Section will host the Health Equity Caucus on Sunday, November 7 from 3 – 5 pm in the Swan 5 room.

WPS Resolutions

The WPS has introduced or co-sponsored two resolutions addressing important issues affecting physicians, including fertility healthcare access during training and compensation for electronic patient communications.

Resolution 307 – Promoting Transparency on Fertility Healthcare Policies for Trainees

Introduced by: Women Physicians Section and Resident and Fellow Section

Currently listed on the Resolutions not for Consideration report

This resolution proposes amending existing AMA Policy H-310.902 to encourage residency programs to disclose their family planning and fertility health insurance policies.

The resolution addresses the lack of publicly accessible fertility benefits information for residency applicants and the potential challenges trainees face when seeking this information during the application process.

Relevance to YPS: Improved transparency may help young physicians make informed training and career decisions, plan for family building, and understand their access to fertility preservation and infertility treatment.

Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association amend existing policy H-310.902

“Resident and Fellow Access to Fertility Preservation” by addition:

1. Our American Medical Association encourages insurance coverage for fertility preservation and infertility treatment within health insurance benefits for residents and fellows offered through graduate medical education programs.
2. Our AMA encourages residency programs to disclose family planning and fertility health insurance policies.
3. Our AMA supports the accommodation of residents and fellows who elect to pursue fertility preservation and infertility treatment, including but not limited to, the need to attend medical visits to complete the gamete preservation process and to administer medications in a time-sensitive fashion.

Resolution 808 – Increasing Payment for Patient Portal Messages

Introduced by: Women Physicians Section, Organized Medical Staff Section, and Private Practice Physicians Section

Reference Committee: J

This resolution seeks to strengthen AMA policy and advocacy for fair payment for electronic patient communications, including patient portal messages.

The resolution highlights the disproportionate electronic communication workload experienced by women physicians and the potential contribution of uncompensated administrative work to physician burnout.

Relevance to YPS: Young physicians may benefit from improved compensation structures, reduced uncompensated administrative responsibilities, and greater institutional support for managing electronic patient communications.

Therefore Be It

RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association amend Policy H-385.919, “Payment for Electronic Communication,” to read as followed:

1. Our American Medical Association will advocate physician payment models be structured to include fair market payment for the use of electronic communications such as Web 1 portals, remote patient monitoring, real-time virtual office visits, patient portal messages, and email and telephone communications.
2. Our AMA will continue to update its guidance on communication and information technology to help physicians meet the needs of their patients and practices.

3. Our AMA will educate physicians on how to effectively and fairly bill for electronic communications between patients and their physicians. (Update current policy); and be it further

RESOLVED, that our AMA advocate for employers to a.) educate physicians on how to effectively and fairly bill for electronic communications b.) create workflows and templates which make such billing easy to implement, and c.) incorporate protected time into a physician's schedule in order to adequately address patient portal messages (Directive to take Action); and be it further

RESOLVED, that our AMA prioritize the promotion of already available toolkits and member education resources pertaining to how to more effectively manage inbasket work and bill for patient portal messages. (Directive to Take Action)