

**American Medical Association  
Specialty and Service Society  
Section Council Guide**

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## Section Council Member Organizations

Section	Member Societies
Anesthesiology	American Society of Anesthesiologists
Cardiovascular Diseases	American Society of Echocardiography, Society of Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, American College of Cardiology, American Society of Nuclear Medicine, Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography, Heart Rhythm Society
Dermatology	American Academy of Dermatology, American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, American Society of Dermatopathology, American College of Mohs Surgery, Society of Investigational Dermatology, Association of Professors of Dermatology, American Contact Dermatitis Society, American College of Phlebology, International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery
Digestive Diseases	American College of Gastroenterology, American Gastroenterological Association, American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons, American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
Diseases of the Chest	American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, American Academy of Sleep Medicine, American College of Chest Physicians, Society of Critical Care Medicine
Emergency Medicine	American College of Emergency Medicine, American Academy of Emergency Medicine, Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society
Endocrinology	American Association of Clinical Endocrinology, The Endocrine Society
Family and General Medicine	American Academy of Family Physicians
Federal and Military Medicine	Army, Navy, Air Force, Public Health Service, Veterans Affairs, AMSUS The Society of Federal Health Professionals, Aerospace Medical Association
General Surgery	American College of Surgeons, American Society of General Surgeons – all surgical specialties are welcome as well as anesthesia and emergency medicine
Genetics	
Internal Medicine	American College of Physicians – all internal medicine specialties are welcome

<b>Section</b>	<b>Member Societies</b>
LGBTQ Health	GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBT Equality, all specialties are welcome to participate
Neurology	American Academy of Neurology, American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine, American Clinical Neurophysiology Society, American Society of Neuroimaging
Neurological Surgery	American Association of Neurological Surgeons, Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Nuclear Medicine	American College of Nuclear Medicine, American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
Obstetrics and Gynecology	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American Society of Reproductive Medicine
Ophthalmology	American Academy of Ophthalmology, American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, American Society Ophthalmic and Reconstructive Surgery, American Society of Retina Specialists, Eye and Contact Lens Association
Orthopedic Surgery	American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Association for Hand Surgery, American Orthopaedic Association, American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society, American Society for Surgery of the Hand, International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery, North American Spine Society, American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons
Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery	American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy, American Rhinologic Society, Triological Society
Pain and Palliative Medicine	American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, American Academy of Pain Medicine, American College of Rheumatology, American Society of Addiction Medicine, American Society of Anesthesiologists, American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians, North American Spine Society, Spine Intervention Society
Pathology	College of American Pathologists, National Association of Medical Examiners, American Society of Clinical Pathology, US and Canadian Academy of Pathology

<b>Section</b>	<b>Member Societies</b>
Pediatrics	American Academy of Pediatrics
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine, Association of Academic Physiatrists
Plastic, Reconstructive and Maxillofacial Surgery	American Society of Plastic Surgeons, American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, American Association of Plastic Surgeons, American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons, American Association for Hand Surgery, American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, International Society for Hair Restoration Surgery
Preventive Medicine	American College of Preventive Medicine, American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Aerospace Medical Association, American Association of Public Health Physicians, American Society of Addiction Medicine, Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Association, American Academy of Insurance Medicine, Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research, Association of State & Territorial Health Officials, National Commission on Correctional Health Care, American College of Correctional Physicians
Psychiatry	American Psychiatric Association, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
Radiology	American College of Radiology, Radiology Society of North America, American Society of Radiation Oncology, American Roentgen Ray Society, Society of Interventional Radiology, American Society of Neuroradiology, Association of University Radiologists, American College of Radiation Oncology, American Institute of Ultrasound Medicine, Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, American College of Nuclear Medicine
Urology	American Urological Association, American Association of Clinical Urologists

**Meeting info at-a-glance**

<b>Section</b>	<b># of mtgs during AMA mtg</b>	<b>Mtgs listed on AMA schedule</b>	<b>Students invited/ can vote</b>	<b>Residents invited/ can vote</b>	<b>State delegates-alternates invited/ can vote</b>	<b>Interview AMA candidates</b>	<b>Submit resolutions</b>	<b>Resolution review process</b>
<b>Anesthesiology</b>	3-5	Yes	Yes/only delegates and alternate can vote	Yes/only delegates and alternates can vote	Yes/no	Conduct interviews of all AMA candidates	Vetted through ASA delegation	Delegation members are assigned different reference committees to review and present on a conference call prior to the meeting.
<b>Cardiovascular Diseases</b>	2	Yes	Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes		Through the delegation	Conference call prior to the meetings
<b>Dermatology</b>	2	Yes	Yes/no	Yes/yes	Yes/no	Formally interviews candidates	Through the section council	Conference call prior to the meeting and at each meeting of the AMA
<b>Digestive Diseases</b>	1	Yes	No/no	No/no	Yes/no	No	Through the section council: drafted and reviewed by the section	Delegation identifies those they would like to discuss
<b>Diseases of the Chest</b>	1	Yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/no		Generally done through specialty delegations	Open discussion in person at the meetings
<b>Emergency Medicine</b>	2	Yes	Yes/no	Yes/no	Yes/no	Interview president-elect candidates	Through the ACEP leadership	Members are assigned to different reference committees
<b>Endocrinology</b>								

<b>Section</b>	<b># of</b>	<b>Mtgs</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Residents</b>	<b>States</b>	<b>Interview</b>	<b>Submit</b>	<b>Resolution review process</b>
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	mtgs during AMA mtg	listed on AMA schedule	invited/ can vote	invited/ can vote	delegates-alternates invited/ can vote	AMA Candidates	Resolutions	
<b>Family and General Medicine</b>	4-5	Yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/no	Yes – all candidates	Vetted through AAFP leadership	Group review and extraction for discussion
<b>Federal and Military Medicine</b>	2	Yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	No	Do not generally submit resolutions	Pre-meeting review
<b>General Surgery</b>	2	Yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	No	The surgical caucus does not submit resolutions	Saturday morning handbook review
<b>Genetics</b>								
<b>Internal Medicine</b>	1	Yes	Yes/no	Yes/no	Yes/no	Interview president-elect, BOT and CMS candidates with AAP	Section Council does not submit resolutions	Open Forum – members highlight resolutions of interest
<b>LGBTQ Health</b>	1	Yes	Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes	No	Through GLMA and collaborative organizations	GLMA Delegation reviews handbook prior to meetings and extracts items pertinent to the Section. Other resolutions and reports are discussed at the request of members in attendance
<b>Neurology</b>	2	Yes	Yes/no	Yes/no	Yes/no		Developed through discussion of members	Divided up among members who then offer recommendations
<b>Neurological Surgery</b>	2	No	No	Yes/no	Yes/no		Developed by staff and leadership	Review as a group prior to the meeting

Section	# of mtgs during AMA mtg	Mtgs listed on AMA schedule	Students invited/ can vote	Residents invited/ can vote	State delegates-alternates invited/ can vote	Interview AMA candidates	Submit resolutions	Resolution review process
<b>Nuclear Medicine</b>								
<b>Obstetrics and Gynecology</b>	2-3	Yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/no	Yes, focus on contested races	Developed by staff and leadership	Members are assigned different reference committees and resolutions are reviewed as a group prior to the meeting
<b>Ophthalmology</b>	2	Yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Meet with candidates that ask for time	Reviewed by staff and leadership prior to submission	Different members assigned different reference committees – discussed by the section
<b>Orthopedic Surgery</b>	2	Yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Interview candidates by invitation	Section reviews and votes prior to submission	Handbook review during the meeting
<b>Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery</b>	2	Yes	Yes/yes, if matched	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes	Rarely submit resolutions, but will co-sponsor and amend	A resolution chart is prepared by AAO-HNS staff and its delegation. The chart is amend/approved at the first section council meeting.
<b>Pain and Palliative Medicine</b>	1-2	Yes	Yes/No	Yes/No	Yes/No	Welcome candidates who reach out to them to make remarks to the section.	Rarely submit resolutions	Group review

Section	# of	Mtgs	Students	Residents	States	Interview	Submit	Resolution review process
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	mtgs during AMA mtg	listed on AMA schedule	invited/ can vote	invited/ can vote	delegates-alternates invited/ can vote	AMA Candidates	Resolutions	
<b>Pathology</b>	2	Yes	Yes/no	Yes/no	No	No	Section does not submit resolutions	Different members are assigned different committees to review and share with the section.
<b>Pediatrics</b>	1	Yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/no	Interview President-elect, BOT and CMS candidates with ACP	Solicit resolutions from state chapters, review and approval comes from AAP leadership	Resolution's grid, members assigned different committees to review.
<b>Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation</b>	2	Yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Only interview the President-elect	Submitted by specialties individually and ask for section support	Staff review and prepare a report for discussion by the section
<b>Plastic, Reconstructive and Maxillofacial Surgery</b>	1	Yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/no	By invitation of a section member candidates address the section	Members submit resolutions and ask for section support	Discussion at the meetings
<b>Preventive Medicine</b>	2-3	Yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/no	By request of the candidates	Section Council does not submit resolutions	List serve discussion, prioritizing those from specialties

<b>Section</b>	<b># of mtgs during AMA mtg</b>	<b>Mtgs listed on AMA schedule</b>	<b>Students invited/ can vote</b>	<b>Residents invited/ can vote</b>	<b>States delegates-alternates invited/ Can vote</b>	<b>Interview AMA Candidates</b>	<b>Submit Resolutions</b>	<b>Resolution review process</b>
<b>Psychiatry</b>	3-5	Yes	No	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes – for contested races	Through the section council resolution review committee	Handbook review
<b>Radiology</b>	2	Yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Only BOT and President elect candidates are invited to meet with the section	Resolutions can be developed by members but need a majority vote for support from the section	With input from the section members, staff prepares a grid with recommendations
<b>Urology</b>	3	Yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes	Through discussion with the section	Conference call prior to the meeting

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Meeting protocols: The section meets three to five times at the annual and interim meetings; meetings are listed on the AMA's master calendar. All meetings are open to physician anesthesiologists, students and residents. Voting privileges reside with the delegates and alternates appointed by the ASA Committee on Representation to the AMA. The meeting agenda is set by the delegation leadership.

Resolutions: Resolutions are submitted through the delegation after being vetted by ASA. Handbook review is the responsibility of the Delegation members, but all section council members are invited to participate.

Candidates: The section council interviews all candidates requesting interviews for officers and councils.

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Organizations: American Society of Echocardiography, Society of Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, American College of Cardiology, American Society of Nuclear Medicine, Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography, Heart Rhythm Society

Meeting protocols: The section meets twice during the annual and interim meetings; meeting times are listed on the AMA schedule. Students, residents and state delegates/alternates are welcome to attend the meetings and have voting privileges. The section staff and chair set the agenda for the meetings.

Resolutions: Resolutions can be submitted by members to the section for consideration. The section reviews the handbook on a conference call prior to the meeting.

Candidates:

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Meeting protocols: The section meets three times during the annual and interim meetings; meeting times are listed on the AMA schedule. Residents, young physician section, AMA section and special group members and state delegate/alternates are welcome to attend and participate in the discussions. The meeting agenda is set by the chair and staff.

Resolutions: All members can submit resolutions for the section council to support. Resolutions are shared with section council members for editing and vote. The section council assigns the reference committees who lead the handbook review of those resolutions.

Candidates: The section council formally interviews candidates.

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Meeting protocols: The section meets once during the annual and interim meetings; times are posted on the AMA schedule. They invite state delegates/alternates to attend but do not grant them voting privileges. The meeting agenda is set by the chair with input from others.

Resolutions: Resolutions from the section council are discussed, drafted and reviewed by the section council. Each member of the section is expected to review the handbook and extract those they would like the section council to discuss.

Candidates:

#### **Diseases of the Chest**

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Meeting protocols: The section meets once during the annual and interim meetings; meeting times are listed on the AMA schedule. The section has student and resident members with voting privileges. State delegates and alternates are invited but do not vote. The agenda is set by the chair and staff.

Resolutions: The section generally does not submit resolutions; each specialty brings their own. The handbook is reviewed by everyone together.

Candidates:

### **Emergency Medicine**

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Organizations: American College of Emergency Medicine, American Academy of Emergency Medicine, Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society

Meeting protocols: The section meets twice during the annual and interim meetings; meeting times are listed on the AMA schedule. Students, residents and state delegates/alternates are invited to attend and participate in the discussions, but do not have voting privileges. The agenda is set by the chair and staff but allows others to add items, time permitting.

Resolutions: Resolutions may come from the ACEP Council, Board of Directors or the section council. Resolutions are shared with the ACEP president prior to submitting them. Section council members are assigned to reference committees for review.

Candidates: The section council interviews the candidates for president-elect in contested races, but do not rank the candidates.

### **Endocrinology**

Chair: Amanda Bell, MD  
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Vice chair:

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### **Family Medicine**

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Organizations: American Academy of Family Physicians

Meeting protocols: The section meets daily during the annual and interim meetings; meetings are listed on the AMA schedule. Students and residents are welcome and have voting privileges. State delegates and alternates are welcome to attend but do not have voting rights. The agenda for the meetings is set by executive committee and input from others is welcome.

Resolutions: Resolutions are vetted by AAFP leadership prior to being submitted. The section council reviews the handbook as a group and extracts those of interest to AAFP.

Candidates: The section meets with all candidates for contested races and ranks them for their members.

### **Federal and Military Medicine**

Chair: Paul Friedrichs, MD  
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Vice Chair: Chris Culp, MD

Staff: Paul Friedrichs, MD  
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Organizations: Army, Navy, Air Force, Public Health Service, Veterans Affairs, AMSUS - The Society of Federal Health Professionals, Aerospace Medical Association

Meeting protocols: The section meets twice during the annual and interim meetings and the meetings are listed on the AMA schedule. Students and residents are well and have voting privileges. State delegates and alternates affiliated with the military and federal medicine are welcome to attend and vote. There is no formal agenda for the meetings anyone can bring up an issue for discussion. Generally, focus on the business of the meeting.

Resolutions: Any group in the section may submit resolutions on their own. The section reviews the handbook via a conference call prior to the meeting.

Candidates:

**General Surgery**

Chair: Steven Chen, MD  
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Staff: Katie Fitzgerald  
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Organizations: American College of Surgeons, American Society of General Surgeons – all surgical specialties are welcome as well as anesthesia and emergency medicine.

Meeting protocols: The section meets twice during the annual and interim meeting and the meetings are listed on the AMA schedule. Students, residents and state delegates and alternates are all welcome and all have voting privileges. Staff and the executive committee set the agenda with other items as a topic so that others can add items to the agenda.

Resolutions: The section does not submit resolutions. Specialties within the section submit resolutions on their own. The section does a group handbook review and establishes positions on the resolutions.

Candidates: The section does not interview candidates for AMA offices.

**Genetics**

Chair

Vice Chair

Staff:

**Internal Medicine**

Chair: William Golden, MD  
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Organizations: All internal medicine specialties are welcome.

Meeting protocols: The section meets once during the meeting and the meeting is listed on the AMA schedule. Students, residents, state delegates and alternates are all welcome to attend the meeting. The section does not have votes. The agenda for the section meetings is set by ACP staff and the section council chair. The last portion of the meeting is an open forum allowing others to bring up issues.

Resolutions: The section council does not submit resolutions the specialties submit resolutions on their own and seek support of other groups. The Handbook is reviewed, and members of the section highlight resolutions of interest to them.

Candidates: ACP along with AAP interview candidates for president-elect, the Board of Trustees and the Council on Medical Service.

### **LGBTQ Health**

Chair: Jeremy Toler, MD  
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Vice Chair: Vacant

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Organizations: GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality, all organizations are welcome to attend.

Meeting protocols: The section meets once during the meeting and all meetings are listed on the AMA schedule. Members of the section are also encouraged to attend the LGBTQ Advisory Committee reception on Friday evening of the meeting (listed on the master schedule.) Students, residents and state delegates and alternates are welcome to attend and may vote. The agenda for the meeting is set by the Chair and Vice Chair and typically consists of review of the pertinent HOD items of business.

Resolutions: The GLMA delegation and other collaborative organizations may submit resolutions. The GLMA delegate and staff review the handbook prior to the meeting and extract resolutions and reports that are pertinent. In addition, others may request the discussion of a report or resolution.

Candidates: The section will not typically interview candidates but will discuss candidates during the business meeting if time permits.

## **Neurology**

Chair: Mark Milstein, MD  
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Organizations: American Academy of Neurology, American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine, American Clinical Neurophysiology Society, American Society of Neuroimaging

Meeting protocols: The section meets twice during the annual and interim meetings and the meetings are listed on the AMA schedule. Students and residents are invited and have voting privileges. State delegates and alternates are welcome to attend but do not have voting privileges. The agenda for the meetings is set by the chair and staff allowing for others to add topics if they wish.

Resolutions: The section submits resolutions after discussion and approval by the delegation. Reference committees are divided up among the members of the section for discussion and voting on support.

Candidates:

## **Neurological Surgery**

Chair: Ann Stroink  
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Organizations: American Association of Neurological Surgeons, Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Meeting protocols: The section meets as needed during the annual and interim meeting. Only credentialed delegates and alternates vote. The delegation chair and staff set agenda for meetings as needed.

Resolutions: The section will draft the resolutions together and then have them reviewed by staff and leadership at both organizations. The Handbook is reviewed by the section prior to the meetings.

Candidates: the section discusses the candidates prior to the meeting and then after hearing speeches at the meeting.

### **Nuclear Medicine**

Chair: Gary Dillehay  
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Organizations: American College of Nuclear Medicine, American Society of Nuclear Cardiology Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging

### **Obstetrics and Gynecology**

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Organizations: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American Society of Reproductive Medicine

Meeting protocols: The section meets two to three times during the annual and interim meeting and those meetings are listed on the AMA schedule. Students and residents are included and able to vote. State delegates and alternates are invited to attend but do not have voting privileges. The agenda for the meetings is set by ACOG leadership and staff.

Resolutions: ACOG submits resolutions.

Candidates: The section interviews candidates in contested races.

### **Ophthalmology**

Chair: Kevin Flaherty, MD  
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Organizations: American Academy of Ophthalmology, American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists, American Society Ophthalmic and Reconstructive Surgery, American Society of Retina Specialists

Meeting protocols: The section meets twice during the annual and interim meetings and those meetings are listed on the AMA schedule. Students, residents and state delegates and alternates are all welcome and able to participate. The agenda is set by the chair and staff but allows for other members to add issues.

Resolutions: The section discusses any resolutions before submitting and all are reviewed by the section, specialty and staff prior to submission. Handbook review is handled by assigning different members different reference committees to review and discussed on a conference call prior to the meeting.

Candidates: The section will meet with candidates who request time on their agenda.

### **Orthopedic Surgery**

Chair: Michael Suk, MD  
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Vice Chair: None

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Organizations: American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Association for Hand Surgery, American Orthopaedic Association, American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society, American Society for Surgery of the Hand, International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery, North American Spine Society, American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons

Meeting protocols: The section meets twice during the annual and interim meetings and the meeting is listed on the AMA schedule. Students, resident, state delegates and alternates are all welcome and may vote. The chair sets the agenda, but any member can add topics.

Resolutions: The section votes to support proposed resolutions prior to submitting. Handbook review is done by executive review and then presented to the section for discussion and review during the meeting.

Candidates: The section interviews the candidates by invitation only.

### **Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery**

Chair: Douglas Myers, MD  
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Organizations: American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy, Triological Society, American Rhinologic Society

Meeting protocols: The section meets twice during the annual and interim meeting and those meetings are listed on the AMA schedule. Students, who have matched to otolaryngology, residents and state delegates and alternates are welcome and are able to vote. The meeting agenda is set by the Chair working with staff, others can add issues for discussion of vote.

Resolutions: The section rarely submits resolutions but will vote to co-sponsor or amend resolutions if deemed necessary. Staff creates a resolution grid for the section that includes recommendations that are reviewed by the section at the meeting.

Candidates: The section interviews candidates upon request.

### **Pain and Palliative Medicine**

Chair: Chad Kollas, MD  
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Organizations: American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, American Academy of Pain Medicine, American College of Rheumatology, American Society of Addiction Medicine, American Society of Anesthesiologists, American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians, North American Spine Society, Spine Intervention Society

Meeting protocols: The section has one formal and one informal meeting (caucus) during the annual and interim meetings and those meetings are listed on the AMA schedule. Students, residents, and state delegates and alternates are welcome; however, voting is restricted to one delegate and one alternate delegate from each of the member societies. The chair sets the agenda, but all members of the section are invited to add topics.

Resolutions: The section rarely submits resolutions but would review with the section prior to submitting and would approve as a section before submitting.

Candidates: The section welcomes those candidates who request time with the section.

### **Pathology**

Chair: Mark Synovec, MD  
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Organizations: College of American Pathologists, National Association of Medical Examiners, American Society of Clinical Pathology, US and Canadian Academy of Pathology



Meeting protocols: The section meets twice during the annual and interim meetings and those meetings are included on the AMA schedule. The section has student and resident members, but they are not able to vote. The section meetings are limited to specialty society delegates and alternates. The agenda for the meetings is set by the chair with input from staff.

Resolutions: the section council does not typically submit resolutions. Handbook review is handled by staff previewing, section council members are assigned reference committees to review and share with the section.

Candidates: The section does not interview candidates.

### **Pediatrics**

Chair: Charles Barone, MD  
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Organizations: American Academy of Pediatrics

Meeting protocols: The section meets once during the annual and interim and meetings and the meeting is generally on the AMA meeting schedule. Students and residents are invited and have voting privileges. State delegates and alternates are invited to attend the Pediatric luncheon at both meetings.

Resolutions: The section solicits resolutions from their state chapters that are reviewed and approved by the AAP leadership prior to submission. Handbook review is handled by assigning different reference committees to members for review. Staff prepares a grid to assist with review.

Candidates: AAP, along with ACP, interviews candidates for president-elect, the Board of Trustees and the Council on Medical Service.

### **Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**

Chair: Susan Hubbell, MD  
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Organizations: American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine, Association of Academic Physiatrists

Meeting protocols: The section meets twice during the annual and interim meetings and those meetings are listed on the AMA schedule. The section has resident and fellow and young physician members, and they can vote. State delegates and alternates are welcome as well and may vote. Meeting agendas are set by the chair, but others can suggest topics for inclusion.

Resolutions: The section does not submit resolutions but reviews and supports the resolutions of the section societies. Handbook review is facilitated by a staff review of the handbook and report to the section.

Candidates: The section welcomes only the candidates for president-elect.

### **Plastic Reconstructive and Maxillofacial Surgery**

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Organizations: American Society of Plastic Surgeons, American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, American Association of Plastic Surgeons, American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons, American Association for Hand Surgery, American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery, American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, International Society for Hair Restoration Surgery

Meeting protocols: The section meets once during the annual and interim meetings and those meeting are listed on the AMA schedule. MSS, RFS, YPS are invited to participate. Residents who represent one of the Section's member societies in the RFS or are RFS sectional delegates in the HOD have voting privileges. YPS members who represent the Section's member societies in the YPS have voting privileges. State delegates and alternates are invited to attend but do not have voting privileges. The agenda for the meeting is set at the meeting and anyone can add topics.

Resolutions: Members from the individual societies submit resolutions and the section council votes on support. Handbook review is an open discussion at the meetings.

Candidates: Candidates may be invited by members of the section to speak to the section.

### **Preventive Medicine**

Chair: Al Osbahr, MD  
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Vice Chair: None

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Organizations: American College of Preventive Medicine, American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Aerospace Medical Association, American Association of Public Health Physicians, American Society of Addiction Medicine, Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Association, American Academy of Insurance Medicine. Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research, Association of State & Territorial Health Officials, National Commission on Correctional Health Care, American College of Correctional Physicians

Meeting protocols: The section meets two to three times at the annual and interim meetings and those meetings are listed on the AMA schedule. Student and resident participation depends on whether the student or resident is the representative for a society that is part of the section council. State delegates and alternates are invited to attend but do not have voting rights. The agenda for meetings is set by the chair but others may suggest items for discussion.

Resolutions: The section does not submit resolutions.

Candidates: The section will interview candidates who ask for time with them.

### **Psychiatry**

Chair: Jerry Halverson, MD  
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Organizations: American Psychiatric Association, American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry

Meeting protocols: The section meets daily during the annual and interim meetings and those meetings are listed on the AMA schedule. The section has resident members with voting privileges. All psychiatrists who are part of the House of Delegates are invited to attend the section meetings and can vote. The chair and vice chair set the agenda for the meetings, but others may add topics for discussion.

Resolutions: The section submits resolutions through a section council resolutions review committee. Handbook review is handled at the meeting, through conference calls and sometimes at other meetings.

Candidates: The section interviews candidates in contested races.

### **Radiology**

Chair: Todd Hertzberg, MD  
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Organizations: American College of Radiology, Radiology Society of North America, American Society of Radiation Oncology, American Roentgen Ray Society, Society of Interventional Radiology, American Society of Neuroradiology, Association of University Radiologists, American College of Radiation Oncology, American Institute of Ultrasound Medicine, Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, American College of Nuclear Medicine

Meeting protocols: The section meets twice during the annual and interim meetings and those meetings are listed on the AMA schedule. Students, residents, young physicians and state delegates and alternates are welcome and have voting privileges. Staff and the section council chair set the agenda for the meetings, but others may add items for discussion.

Resolutions: Members of the section develop resolutions and need a majority of the section members to support the resolution to allow it to be from the section council. Handbook review is aided by a grid developed with input from Section Council members and staff with recommendations.

Candidates: The section invites the president-elect and BOT candidates to address the section.

**Urology**

Chair: Terry Grimm, MD  
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Organizations: American Urological Association, American Association of Clinical Urologists

Meeting protocols: The section meets three times during the annual and interim meeting and those meetings are listed on the AMA schedule. Students, resident and state delegates and alternates are invited to attend and have voting privileges. The agenda is set by staff, but suggestions are welcome.

Resolutions: The section will introduce resolutions after a discussion with all section members. Handbook review is handled through a conference call prior to the meeting.

Candidates: The section interviews candidates.

<b>Specialty Society</b>	<b>Section Council</b>
Academy of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry	Psychiatry
Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research	Internal Medicine (?)
Aerospace Medical Association	Federal and Military Medicine; Preventive Medicine
Airforce	Federal and Military Medicine
AMDA—The Society for Post-acute and Long-term Care Medicine	Internal Medicine (?)

American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry	Psychiatry
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology	Diseases of the Chest
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	Psychiatry
American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery	Plastic, Reconstructive and Maxillofacial Surgery
American Academy of Dermatology	Dermatology
American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	Otolaryngology; Plastic, Reconstructive and Maxillofacial Surgery
American Academy of Emergency Medicine	Emergency Medicine
American Academy of Family Physicians	Family and General Medicine
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine	Pain and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Insurance Medicine	Preventive Medicine
American Academy of Neurology	Neurology
American Academy of Ophthalmology	Ophthalmology
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons	Orthopedics
American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy Inc.	Otolaryngology
American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery	Otolaryngology
American Academy of Pain Medicine	Pain and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Pediatrics	Pediatrics
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law	Psychiatry
American Academy of Sleep Medicine	Diseases of the Chest
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry	Psychiatry
American Association for Hand Surgery	Plastic, Reconstructive and Maxillofacial Surgery
American Association for Thoracic Surgery	General Surgery
American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists	Endocrinology
American Association of Endocrine Surgeons	Endocrinology
American Association of Clinical Urologists, Inc.	Urology
American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists	Obstetrics and Gynecology (?)
American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons	Orthopedic Surgery
American Association of Neurological Surgeons	Neurological Surgery
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine	Neurology and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Association of Plastic Surgeons	Plastic, Reconstructive and Maxillofacial Surgery
American Association of Public Health Physicians	Preventive Medicine
American Clinical Neurophysiology Society	Neurology
American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology	Diseases of the Chest
American College of Cardiology	Cardiovascular Diseases

American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST)	Diseases of the Chest
American College of Correctional Physicians	Preventive Medicine
American College of Emergency Physicians	Emergency Medicine
American College of Gastroenterology	Digestive Diseases
American College of Legal Medicine	??
American College of Lifestyle Medicine	
American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics	Genetics (?)
American College of Medical Quality	Internal Medicine (?)
American College of Mohs Surgery	Dermatology
American College of Nuclear Medicine	Radiology
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	Obstetrics and Gynecology
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine	Preventive Medicine
American College of Phlebology	Internal Medicine (?)
American College of Physicians	Internal Medicine
American College of Preventive Medicine	Preventive Medicine
American College of Radiation Oncology	Radiology
American College of Radiology	Radiology
American College of Rheumatology	Internal Medicine (?)
American College of Surgeons	General Surgery
American Contact Dermatitis Society	Dermatology
American Epilepsy Society	Neurology
American Gastroenterological Association	Digestive Diseases
American Geriatrics Society	Internal Medicine
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine	Radiology
American Epilepsy Society	
American Medical Group Association	??
American Orthopaedic Association	Orthopedic Surgery
American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society	Orthopedic Surgery
American Psychiatric Association	Psychiatry
American Rhinologic Society	Otolaryngology
American Roentgen Ray Society	Radiology
American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, Inc.	Plastic, Reconstructive and Maxillofacial Surgery
American Society for Clinical Pathology	Pathology
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery	Dermatology
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy	Digestive Diseases

American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery	
American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery	General Surgery
American Society for Radiation Oncology	Radiology
American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery	Plastic, Reconstructive and Maxillofacial Surgery
American Society for Reproductive Medicine	Obstetrics and Gynecology
American Society for Surgery of the Hand	General Surgery
American Society of Abdominal Surgeons	General Surgery
American Society of Addiction Medicine	Pain and Palliative Medicine; Preventive Medicine
American Society of Anesthesiologists	Anesthesiology
American Society of Breast Surgeons	General Surgery (?)
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery	Ophthalmology
American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons	Digestive Diseases
American Society of Cytopathology	Pathology
American Society of Dermatopathology	Dermatology
American Society of Echocardiography	Cardiovascular Diseases
American Society of General Surgeons	General Surgery
American Society of Hematology	Internal Medicine (?)
American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians	Pain and Palliative Medicine
American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons	Plastic, Reconstructive and Maxillofacial Surgery
American Society of Neuroimaging	Neurology
American Society of Neuroradiology	Radiology
American Society of Nuclear Cardiology	Cardiology
American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	Ophthalmology; Plastic, Reconstructive and Maxillofacial Surgery
American Society of Plastic Surgeons	Plastic, Reconstructive and Maxillofacial Surgery
American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine	Anesthesiology; Pain and Palliative Medicine (??)
American Society of Retina Specialists	Ophthalmology
American Society of Transplant Surgeons	General Surgery
American Thoracic Society	??
American Urological Association	Urology
American Venous Forum	
Americas Hernia Society	General Surgery
Army	Federal and Military Medicine
Association for Clinical Oncology	Internal Medicine (?)
Association of Academic Physiatrists	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Association of Military Surgeons of the United States	Federal and Military Medicine; General Surgery



Association of Professors of Dermatology	Dermatology
Association of University Radiologists	Radiology
College of American Pathologists	Pathology
Congress of Neurological Surgeons	Neurological Surgery
Eye and Contact Lens Association	Ophthalmology
Heart Rhythm Society	Cardiovascular Diseases
Infectious Diseases Society of America	Internal Medicine (?)
International Academy of Independent Medical Evaluators	??
International College of Surgeons: U.S. Section	General Surgery
International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery	General Surgery
International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery	Plastic, Reconstructive and Maxillofacial Surgery
National Association of Medical Examiners	Pathology
Navy	Federal and Military Medicine
North American Neuromodulation Society	??
North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society	Ophthalmology
North American Spine Society	??
Obesity Medicine Association	Internal Medicine (?)
Outpatient Endovascular and Intervention Society	
Public Health Service	Federal and Military Medicine
Radiological Society of North America	Radiology
Renal Physicians Association	Internal Medicine
Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions	Cardiovascular Diseases
Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance	Cardiovascular Diseases
Society for Investigative Dermatology, Inc.	Dermatology
Society for Vascular Surgery	General Surgery
Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons	Digestive Diseases
Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography	Cardiology
Society of Critical Care Medicine	??
Society of Gynecologic Oncologists	Obstetrics and Gynecology
Society of Hospital Medicine	??
Society of Interventional Radiology	Radiology
Society of Laparoendoscopic and Robotic Surgeons	General Surgery
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging	Radiology
Society of Pediatric Dermatology	Dermatology
Society of Thoracic Surgeons	General Surgery

Spine Intervention Society	Pain and Palliative Medicine
The Endocrine Society	Endocrinology (?)
The Triological Society	Otolaryngology
Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society	Emergency Medicine; Preventive Medicine
United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology	Pathology
Veterans Affairs	Federal and Military Medicine

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