Speakers’ Letter

2018 Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates
November 10–13, 2018
Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center - National Harbor, Maryland

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following information is provided to aid your planning for the upcoming Interim Meeting in National Harbor, Maryland. Before you arrive at the meeting, please visit the online member forums and take a moment to promote the forums to your colleagues who are AMA members (see page 3 for details). The forums are the only means for a broad cross section of our membership to weigh in on AMA policy matters, and their use helps reference committees anticipate the issues that are likely to garner the most attention or concern.

Please call (312) 464-4463, email hod@ama-assn.org or visit ama-assn.org/interim-meeting if you have questions regarding any of the following items or questions on American Medical Association policy. Watch the Interim Meeting website for updates to this Speakers’ Letter.

Susan R. Bailey, MD, Speaker
Bruce A. Scott, MD, Vice Speaker

House of Delegates schedule

The 2018 Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) will meet Nov. 10–13 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. The AMA-HOD will convene at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 in the Maryland Ballroom. The Opening Session will conclude no later than 6 p.m. On Sunday, Nov. 11, the AMA-HOD will be in session from 8 to 8:30 a.m. to receive items of business, consider acceptance of late resolutions, and extract informational reports and items from the reaffirmation consent calendar. The following reference committees will convene open hearings from 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday:

- Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution & Bylaws
- Reference Committee B (legislation)
- Reference Committee C (medical education)
- Reference Committee F (AMA governance and finance)
- Reference Committee J (medical service, medical practice, insurance)
- Reference Committee K (science and public health)

Your Speakers believe that the number and nature of the medical education-related items warrants placing that business in a separate reference committee. This accords with past practice, as the business determines reference committee assignments.

The AMA-HOD will reconvene at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13. The AMA-HOD will adjourn by noon on Tuesday. Your Speakers ask delegates to schedule departures no earlier than Tuesday afternoon so that they can give full consideration to the business debated that day.

Special Accommodations
Delegates and alternate delegates may request special accommodations (e.g., an assistive listening device) by contacting the Office of House of Delegates Affairs. Please call (312) 464-4344 or send an email to hod@ama-assn.org so that arrangements can be made.

Note: All events are at the Gaylord unless otherwise specified.
Items preceded by an asterisk (*) or dagger (†) are designated for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.
Meeting details and reminders

Handbook distribution
The initial Handbook will be posted on the Interim Meeting website by October 12. It will be posted as a single large document as well as in a series of smaller documents, collated by reference committee. The Addendum will be posted about October 26. When it is posted, the original Handbook and Addendum will be available separately along with a combined document that interleaves the Addendum with the Handbook. Like all other meeting materials, the Handbook will be posted at ama-assn.org/interim-meeting. An abridged Handbook containing only the recommendations from reports and the resolve clauses from resolutions will also be available as a Word document.

Registration
Registration for the AMA-HOD will be in the Convention Center pre-function area. For security purposes, all attendees will be required to provide photo identification at the AMA registration desk to receive their credentials and other materials. Registration will open daily at 7 a.m. and run from Friday, Nov. 9 through Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Delegates and alternate delegates should check with their sponsoring society to ensure that their names have been submitted to the Office of House of Delegates Affairs prior to this meeting. AMA bylaws require that all delegates and alternate delegates be properly credentialed before each AMA-HOD 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 in order to register.

Recording of AMA-HOD meetings
AMA meetings may be recorded by audiotape, videotape or otherwise, for use by the AMA. Participation in or attendance at a meeting shall be deemed to confirm the participant’s consent to recording and to the AMA’s use of such recording.

Meeting attire
Your Speakers have determined that business casual attire is appropriate for the Interim Meeting, except when individuals are on the dais, at which time business attire is requested. This would include the presentation of reference committee reports.

Travel discounts
A discount is available on United Airlines and may be accessed through the meeting website or obtained online at united.com.

- Click on “All search options” and enter your origin, destination and travel dates.
- Enter ZEPB957915 in the “Promotions and Certificate” box. Available flights will be displayed. Once you’ve selected an available flight, the discounted fare will be calculated automatically.
- To obtain the discount over the phone, call United Airlines Meetings at (800) 426-1122 and mention Z code “ZEPB” and agreement code “957915.” A service fee will apply.

The discount is valid for travel 3 days prior to and 3 days after the official meeting dates.

SuperShuttle is the Gaylord Hotel’s preferred shuttle service. Make a reservation at supershuttle.com, the transportation desk in the hotel’s front lobby or by calling (800) 660-8000. Use the discount code GNR50 (prepaid reservations only; also available on SuperShuttle app).

Distribution of non-business items
The “not for official business” bag contains small gifts and informational material approved by your Speakers and is distributed at the Opening Session. Material meant for distribution in the not-for-official-business bag should be delivered to the Production Area of the AMA Headquarters Office at the convention center by 5 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 8. At least 1300 copies of items are required for distribution throughout the AMA-HOD. A shipping label can be found in the meeting information memo and will ensure proper delivery.

**Opening Session agenda**
The Opening Session will get underway at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 in the Maryland Ballroom. Included in the Opening Session will be the presentation of various awards and addresses by AMA President Barbara McAneny, MD, and Executive Vice President James Madara, MD. The session will conclude by 6 p.m.

**Meeting app**
Our AMA’s mobile app will again be available for the Interim Meeting to help attendees connect and network with peers. As in June the app will allow users to integrate the meeting schedule with their mobile device calendar and create session notes and appointments. It will also include interactive maps of the hotel and convention center. The AMA will provide notifications through the app for important meeting updates.

Users should download the “AMA 2018 Interim Meeting” app from Apple’s app store or the Android Google Play store. The app can be found in each app store by searching for CrowdCompass AttendeeHub. Once you are in the CrowdCompass AttendeeHub, search “AMA” and tap on the 2018 AMA Interim Meeting and the conference app will be downloaded. The app launches about October 16.

**Online member forums**
As mentioned in the meeting information memo, each reference committee includes an online member forum. The forums can be accessed directly at ama-assn.org/forums/house-delegates or via the meeting website. Items will be added over time, so we suggest that you check back occasionally. Instructions are found on the site. Questions about the forum can be sent to hod@ama-assn.org or to roger.brown@ama-assn.org.

The forums will remain open for commenting up to the opening of the House, but comments posted after Sunday, Nov. 4 are unlikely to be captured in the summary reports that are prepared and posted on the meeting website.

**PolicyFinder**
The latest edition of PolicyFinder is available at policysearch.ama-assn.org. The current version is complete through the 2018 Annual Meeting.

**Proceedings of the 2018 Annual Meeting**
The Proceedings of the House of Delegates for the 2018 Annual Meeting (A-18) have been posted on the AMA website. Approval of the minutes from A-18 is an action item at the second session of the AMA-HOD on Sunday morning. Corrections should be sent to hod@ama-assn.org.

**Conflict-of-interest policy**
Sponsors of resolutions are reminded that the AMA-HOD has established policy (G-600.060) calling on delegates introducing an item of business for consideration by the AMA-HOD to declare any commercial or financial conflict of interest at the time the resolution is submitted and that any such conflict of interest be included with the resolution.

Your Speakers have determined that this policy also applies to resolutions introduced by delegations. The sponsoring delegation must disclose the identity of any delegate or alternate delegate who has a commercial or financial 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 commercial or financial 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. A revised resolution containing the conflict-of-interest statement will be distributed.

The HOD Reference Manual describes House procedures and may be especially helpful to new delegates. It is online and may be accessed through the meeting website. The manual may be especially helpful to new delegates, but it is also a good reference for experienced delegates, Federation staff and other meeting participants. The House will be asked to adopt the updated reference manual as the official method of procedure in handling and conducting the business as part of the rules report at the opening session.

**Announcements for 2019 elections**

Individuals who intend to seek election at the 2019 Annual Meeting are reminded that printed announcements may not be distributed in the meeting venue. Announcements provided to us by noon, Sunday, Nov. 11 will be projected on the last day of the meeting. An electronic announcement should be submitted to Roger Brown (roger.brown@ama-assn.org) in the Speakers’ Office; the preferred format is JPG, but a PDF or PowerPoint slide (16:9 format) is also acceptable. Submissions will be maintained in confidence until posted. Announcements will be posted online after the meeting.

**Childcare Services**

Childcare will be available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8 through Monday, Nov. 12 and from 7 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Registration is available through the vendor or the meeting website. Reservations are required to ensure space, but walk-ins will be accepted when possible.

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There is a $10 non-refundable administrative fee per child. The vendor, Accent on Children, is fully licensed, and caregivers have considerable experience in working with children. Meals are available separately for $15, but meals will not be available for purchase onsite through Accent.

**Nursing mothers**

A location will be available for nursing mothers who wish to express milk or nurse their infants. Interested mothers should contact the AMA Headquarters Office.

**Meetings and caucuses**

**OSMAP**

The Organization of State Medical Association Presidents (OSMAP) will hold its semi-annual Membership Meeting and General Session from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9 in Woodrow Wilson A. All state medical association presidents, presidents-elect, past presidents and executive directors are welcome and encouraged to attend. An agenda and related meeting materials will be posted on the OSMAP website, osmapandtheforum.org, prior to the meeting.

If you have any topics you would like submitted for the agenda, please contact Brian O. Foy, OSMAP Executive Director, at bfoyl1@yahoo.com. Immediately following the general session, OSMAP will host a reception in Woodrow Wilson B-C. All OSMAP members and their invited guests are welcome to attend. RSVP not required.

**Surgical Caucus Handbook review**

The Surgical Caucus of the AMA will meet from 6:45 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 in National Harbor 11 for a combined Business Meeting/Executive Committee elections and Handbook review session; breakfast will be available at 6:30 a.m. Specialties participating in the Caucus are encouraged to send at least one representative to this meeting.
**Rural Health Caucus**
Residents of rural areas have been shown to be generally sicker, poorer, and older than their counterparts in urban areas. Recent research shows that women do not have access to obstetric care in 54% of rural counties. These issues are further compounded by health care workforce shortages and decreased resource availability. The challenges rural patients and those who care for them face result in unique perspectives on the practice of medicine.

All AMA meeting attendees, including delegates and alternate delegates, representatives of state or specialty societies, medical students, residents, section leaders, AMA staff, and Board members are invited to attend the Rural Health Caucus at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11 in Chesapeake 5. Attendees will enjoy networking with colleagues, sharing ideas on how the AMA might better serve rural physicians and patients, and discussing any resolutions that attendees feel are applicable to practice in rural or other low-resource settings. Please contact Jordan Warchol, MD, at JordanWarcholMD@gmail.com for more information.

**Obesity Caucus**
Our AMA declared obesity a disease in June 2013. The Obesity Caucus was created with the mission to improve obesity-related health outcomes. All AMA-HOD attendees are invited to attend the obesity caucus. Hosted by delegates Ethan Lazarus, MD, and Fatima Cody Stanford, MD, MPH, MPA, this is an opportunity to strategize next steps to improve the care of those affected by obesity.

The meeting is scheduled from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11 in Annapolis 4.

**Speaker to speaker meeting**
Your Speakers would like to invite all members of the House of Delegates, especially those who preside over their own medical society meetings, to the annual speaker to speaker session from 2–3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11 in National Harbor 15. Suggestions for discussion items are welcome and may be sent to hod@ama-assn.org.

**Private Practice Physician’s Congress**
The Private Practice Physician’s Congress (PPPC) will be meeting from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12 in Woodrow Wilson A. The PPC meets at each AMA-HOD meeting to discuss issues of interest to independent physicians. All AMA members, young physicians, residents, fellows and medical students are invited to join the group, which also has an active listserv dealing with all aspects of private practice.

For questions or comments please contact Zuhdi Jasser, MD, Chair, at zuhdi@jasserim.com or (602) 721-7186; Tim McAvoy, MD, Vice-chair, at timothymcavoy@yahoo.com or (414) 573-0751; or Barbara Hummel, MD, Secretary, at hummelb@ameritech.net or (414) 604-0520.

**Education sessions and forums**
Several education programs will be offered during the Interim Meeting. All members are welcome to attend any of the education sessions listed below, many of which are sponsored by the sections and special groups. These sessions will be offered between Friday, Nov. 9 and Monday, Nov. 12. For information beyond the educational programming and special events listed below, visit ama-assn.org/about/member-sections-group.

Education sessions designated by the AMA for CME credit are indicated by an asterisk (*).

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 Credits™** reflected with each session. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
The deadline to claim credit for sessions certified by the AMA is December 31, 2018. To claim credit, access the session on the meeting mobile app or visit the AMA Education Center at ama-assn.org/education-center. For help in claiming credit or printing certificates, see the Education Center booth located near the registration area. You may also contact the AMA Unified Service Center at (800) 262.3211 for assistance.

Sessions certified for credit by other CME providers are indicated with a dagger (†), but those sessions are not available via the AMA Education Center.

**Identifying victims of sex trafficking: The role of the physician**
8:30–9:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Chesapeake G-H
Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

Each year, 100,000-300,000 international and domestic minors in the United States are at risk of being trafficked for sex. Physicians can help reduce the risk of harm to victims by knowing what to look for and how to offer help. Become empowered with the knowledge needed to better identify, interview, and assist patients who are victims of sex trafficking.

**Direct contracting with large employers: Is your organization an appealing partner? (2.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**
8:45–10:45 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Potomac 1-2
Hosted by the AMA Integrated Physician Practice Section (AMA-IPPS)

Recently, Henry Ford Health System (HFHS) and General Motors (GM) announced a direct contracting partnership in which HFHS provides a wide range of services to 24,000 GM employees. Join senior executives from both organizations to learn more about this venture and more broadly, how you can prepare your system to partner with large employers.

**Can system-level and individual medical staff needs coexist? Spoiler: Yes! (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)**
9:30–10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Potomac D
Hosted by the AMA Organized Medical Staff Section (AMA-OMSS)

Multi-hospital systems are seeking standardization across their medical staffs to improve care and efficiency. While unification of all staffs under a single, system-wide medical staff organization is an option, this approach can overlook the unique needs of individual staffs and hospitals. Learn how systematization—or creating uniformity in select medical staff governance and operations areas without formal unification—can benefit your medical staff.

**Coalition building: Fundamental steps for success (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™)**
Noon–1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Chesapeake D-E-F
Hosted by the AMA Sections and Special Group

Physician-led health care coalitions can play an important role in promoting health on a local, state or national level. With a strong coalition, you can effect positive change through events, outreach, and engagement with the media, healthcare community, policymakers, and the public. If you are a physician leader interested in community advocacy and tapping into the power of a coalition, this program will help equip you with the knowledge and skills necessary to build and sustain a successful coalition.

**Don’t just survive, thrive: Wellness for young physicians (1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**
Noon–2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Potomac C
Hosted by the AMA Young Physicians Section (AMA-YPS)
Providing care for child and adolescent refugees
1–2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Chesapeake G-H
Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

The World Health Organization estimates that there are 258 million international migrants in the world today, many of whom lack adequate access to medical resources. With this statistic, it is likely that you will encounter individuals who fit this definition, including children and adolescent refugees. Explore what physicians are doing to care for this vulnerable population and learn what you can do to support these patients in your practice.

2019 Medicare Payment Policy: Everything You Need to Know
1–2:20 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Potomac 1-2
Hosted by the AMA Integrated Physician Practice Section (AMA-IPPS)

Join Medicare payment policy experts to learn about the key changes in 2019 Medicare payment policies and the Quality Payment Program. A reaction panel with physician leaders from a variety of settings (urban, rural, private practice IPA, academic) will explore how the new rule could potentially impact integrated organizations.

Alternative privileging criteria: Evaluating competency without MOC
1:45–2:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Potomac D
Hosted by the AMA Organized Medical Staff Section (AMA-OMSS)

Medical staffs typically employ a combination of board certification, maintenance of certification (MOC), outcomes data, and other measures as proxies for physician competency. But with many physicians opting out of MOC, many physicians no longer practicing in hospitals, and other changes, medical staffs are increasingly looking to find alternative ways to evaluate applicants and members. Learn about and discuss holistic approaches to measuring competency for credentialing and privileging.

Health care think tank: Members moving medicine
2–3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Magnolia 3 Chesapeake G-H
Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

TED Talk-style ideas presented by medical students that highlight their passion for medicine. Each 10-minute presentation will be on a hot topic in medicine with recommendations for action. Come for the passionate students, stay for the innovative solutions to pressing problems in health care, and leave feeling inspired.

The forgotten Americans: An introduction to US-Mexico border colonias
3–3:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Chesapeake G-H
Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

Border colonias are rural border communities that exist along the US-Mexico border. These communities lack basic health resources, like clean water and access to medical care and as such, poverty and disease are rampant. Physicians can help the people living in these areas by providing health care services and through advocating for change. Learn about these communities and how you can make an impact and save lives.

The FDA: What do they do for physicians and patients?
3:30–4:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Magnolia 3 Chesapeake G-H
Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

The Food and Drug Administration influences what drugs and medical devices are available to patients. While review processes seem lengthy, they are necessary to ensure that drugs and medical devices are safe
for Physicians to prescribe to their patients. Learn about the FDA and its role in protecting Physicians and their patients.

**Opioid rehabilitation and care coordination: What physicians in training need to know**
4–4:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Chesapeake G-H
Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

Physicians are critical to overcoming the opioid epidemic. Patients in recovery require focused care and their physicians apply a team-based care model to manage their care and recovery. Learn how physicians leverage this care model to provide care to this patient population.

**Mergers, acquisitions and partnerships in health care: Why is New York-Presbyterian in the Florida Keys?**
4:30–5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Magnolia 3 Chesapeake G-H
Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

Hospitals and health systems are merging into multi-state networks. These networks include traditional and nontraditional players, and the partnerships are transforming care delivery and the physician experience. Review this trend and discuss how it will shape care delivery and the physician experience.

**Advocacy in action: Enacting change at a grassroots level**
5–5:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Chesapeake G-H
Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

Physician advocates play a vital role in influencing policymakers on matters that health policy and patient care. Despite serving in this important role, physicians rarely receive training on how to conduct advocacy activities and enact change at a grassroots level. Learn about what you need to influence change.

**Scope of Practice: How the AMA protects physicians’ role in providing patient-centric care**
7:30–8:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Potomac D Chesapeake G-H
Hosted by the AMA Sections and Special Group

Learn how the AMA is partnering with state and specialty societies to protect the physician role in providing patient centered health care.

**Design thinking in health care**
8–9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Potomac 6
Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

As the leaders of the health care team, physicians are responsible for providing the best care possible and ensuring that errors are corrected before they harm any patient. Applying Design Thinking principles to solve issues ensures that creativity is used when developing solutions to the identified problems. Learn about this way of thinking and how you can apply these steps to improve care outcomes.

*Communications: Perfecting your elevator speech and your personal brand (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)*
8:10 - 9:15 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Woodrow Wilson B
Hosted by the AMA Academic Physicians Section (AMA-APS)

Effective communication skills are a central clinical and professional function for physicians. As leaders in the both the clinical and academic arenas, physicians need to be able to identify their audience develop and deliver a clear, audience focused message. Join the AMA-APS to learn how you can maximize your communication efficacy.
Our turn to serve: How to improve health care for veterans
8:45–9:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Potomac D
Hosted by the AMA Sections and Special Group

There are more than 20 million veterans in the United States. This large patient population has its own unique set of physical and mental wellness challenges that are not addressed in medical training, but greatly influence the care outcomes for veterans. Join us to learn what you can do to improve care for this important population.

Caring for vulnerable populations: What you can do to support LGBTQ+ youth
9–9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Azalea 3 Potomac 6
Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, LGBTQ+ individuals are almost three times more likely than their cisgender, heterosexual counterparts to experience a mental health condition. While acceptance of LGBTQ+ individuals has increased within the medical profession and society, many LGBTQ+ patients still encounter stigmatization, discrimination, and violence based on their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. Learn what you can do to improve the mental health of LGBTQ+ youth.

Train the trainer: Empowering your community to combat the opioid crisis
9:30–10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Potomac 6
Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

Timely administration of naloxone has saved thousands of lives. While physicians and other health and safety professionals receive training in overdose detection and naloxone administration, laypeople do not receive such training. As a physician or physician in training, you can reduce the number of lives claimed by opioid overdose by training local community members how to identify an opioid overdose and administer naloxone to reverse the effects. Learn how you can reverse the epidemic.

Is there a vaccine for burnout? Building resilience in the medical student community
10–11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Exhibit Hall C Potomac 6
Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

The pressures of medical school can have a major impact on students’ mental health and wellness. Now more than ever, medical students need to be able to identify the appearance of burnout in themselves and their peers. In having this knowledge, students will be able to support one another and build resilient peer networks. Learn how you can solve the burnout epidemic and build resiliency among your peers.

*Mind the gap: Improving undocumented patients’ access to care (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)
10–11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Potomac D
Hosted by the AMA Sections and Special Group

In our current political and social climate, a patient’s access to care is influenced by their citizenship status. Physicians can improve care outcomes for patients, regardless of their citizenship status, by creating an inclusive care environment and decreasing barriers to accessing care. Join us to learn what you can do to improve care for members of this vulnerable population.

Difficult conversations: End of life care
11 a.m.–noon Saturday, Nov. 10, Potomac 6
Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

End of life discussions are a difficult and necessary part of medicine. While important, physicians do not learn how to compassionately and comprehensively discuss death with patients and their families during
their training. Learn how to effectively facilitate these important conversations with your patients and their families.

*Older and wiser: Assessing competency of elder physicians (1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)*
Noon–1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Woodrow Wilson A
Hosted by the AMA Senior Physicians Section (AMA-SPS) and the AMA Council on Medical Education (AMA-CME)

Current research suggests that physician competency and practice performance decline with increased years in practice (Hawkins, 2016). Knowing when to give up practice is an important decision for most physicians, but many physicians lack information and education regarding the effects of aging on practice. This program will review current evidence and research regarding the assessment of senior/late career physicians to help attendees understand the uncertain and variable influences of aging on clinical and cognitive competency.

The AMA’s Council on Medical Education worked in collaboration with the Senior Physicians Section to identify organizations to work together on the AMA Work Group on Assessment of Senior/Late Career Physicians over the last three years. Council on Medical Education Report 1-I-18 is the product, in part, of these discussions.

**Acculturation: Continuous immersion and improvement for IMGs**
5:15–5:45 p.m. 5–7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Potomac 3-4 Woodrow Wilson C
Hosted by the AMA International Medical Graduates Section (AMA-IMGS)

International Medical Graduates face challenges navigating American culture and societal norms when practicing medicine in the United States. These differences influence how IMGs engage with their patients, their colleagues, and other members of the care team. Acculturation can help with navigating these differences and empower you with the tools and knowledge needed to navigate American culture and avoid common misunderstandings. Learn about acculturation and resources that are available to help you improve your interactions with others.

**How will the November elections affect LGBTQ patients and physicians?**
5–7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Potomac 2
Hosted by the AMA Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues (AMA-LGBTQ)

How will the November elections affect LGBTQ patients and physicians? As part of its reception and caucus meeting, the Advisory Committee on LGBTQ Issues will host a townhall to explore how the November elections could impact LGBTQ health policy.

**The more things change: Issues facing senior women physicians**
6–6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Woodrow Wilson D
Hosted by the AMA Women Physicians Section (AMA-WPS)

Cutting edge research by the 2017 Joan F. Giambalvo Fund for the Advancement of Women grant winner.
The business of improving workforce diversity
6–7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Potomac 6
Hosted by the AMA Minority Affairs Section (AMA-MAS)

Listen to a panel discussion on physician entrepreneurs and their efforts to improve the pipeline of, and career development for, underrepresented minors in medicine.

†Blockchain in health care: It’s here and it’s going to make physicians’ and patients’ lives better! (2 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™
1–3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, Woodrow Wilson B-C
Hosted by the Forum for Medical Affairs

The program will kick off with an “Introduction to Blockchain” by Hector Rodriguez, MBA, Worldwide Health Chief Information Security, Microsoft Corporation, immediately followed by “Clinical Applications of Blockchain,” to be presented by Tianna M. Umann, PA-C, MA, Cross Domain Solutions Architect, Microsoft Corporation. Laure Linn, MBA, Executive, Accenture Digital, will next present “The Art of the Possible,” and the program will conclude with Martha B. Koo, MD, Medical Director, KetaWellness, and Medical Director, Clear Recovery Center, presenting “A Real-World Physician-Patient Experience.” A panel discussion will follow with Q&A from the audience. The program will be moderated by Steven P. Kanig, MD, Forum President-elect and Program Chair, and Chair of the Board, LCF Research.

Program objectives: define and explain blockchain technology; enable participants to better understand the clinical applications of blockchain that can be employed now; provide a conceptual idea of what blockchain healthcare applications might look like; and identify how blockchain technologies will improve physician efficiency and patient care.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society and The Forum for Medical Affairs. MedChi is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

MedChi designates this live activity for a maximum of 2 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Busharat Ahmad, MD Leadership Development Program: How to earn an AMA leadership position
2:30–4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, Potomac 4-5
Hosted by the AMA International Medical Graduates Section (AMA-IMGS)

*Litigation Center open meeting (2 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)
3–5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, National Harbor 2-3
Hosted by the Litigation Center of the American Medical Association and State Medical Societies

The Litigation Center open meeting will cover:
• a major victory that the California Medical Association and the Litigation Center achieved in a dispute between a medical staff and a hospital;
• a brief filed in the Supreme Court explaining the ethical restrictions on a physician’s participation in capital punishment; and
• an update on the Texas case challenging the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act.

Retirement planning seminar
9–9:59 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, Potomac D
Hosted by AMA Insurance

Join AMA Insurance for a retirement planning seminar called “Generating Income and Managing Risk in Retirement.” Carlo Cordasco, Vice President, Nationwide Retirement Institute®, will discuss important financial techniques and concepts to consider as you create an income strategy for retirement. He will focus...
on the keys to preserving your assets in retirement and insulating you from downturns in the market or a major health incident. These risk management strategies, along with an efficient plan to generate income, can become even more important than the actual nest egg you start with in retirement. Mr. Cordasco brings more than 25 years of experience and education to implement practical and comprehensive retirement income solutions, and through the Nationwide Retirement Institute® provides practical thought leadership to help financial professionals improve the financial health and retirement outcomes for Americans.

Additional information is available from and question may be directed to Mike Hegwood, mike.hegwood@amainsure.com or (312) 464-5247.

**Council on Legislation Open Forum**

9–10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, Potomac C

Hosted by the Council on Legislation

Hear from the COL’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 will also feature a post-election discussion by AMA Advocacy staff on how the 2018 elections may impact our advocacy work in the 116th Congress. The forum is intended to provide HOD attendees the opportunity to share with the Council and other attendees their comments on emerging federal and state legislative and regulatory issues impacting patients and the practice of medicine.

*Effects of health care payment models on U.S. physician practice: Is the U.S. making progress in value-based care models? (1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)

9:30–11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, Chesapeake G-H-I

Increasing health care costs, the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) have led both public and private sector payers to increase their participation in payment models other than fee-for-service, such as capitation, episode-based and bundled payments, pay-for-performance, and retainer-based payment. In 2014 and 2015 the American Medical Association and the RAND Corporation investigated the ways in which physician practices responded to these payment models. The findings of that research paved the way for the development of valuable tools and resources that support physicians navigating the changing environment.

This year, the AMA and RAND teams collaborated again to conduct a follow-up study with the same practices, hospitals and health plans in six distinct markets to determine if the effects of these changes have persisted, improved or further affected their practices in any variety of ways. This program will showcase the findings of the RAND follow-up study and the challenges still experienced, improvements realized, and strategies implemented to navigate the transitions catalyzed by changing payment models.

Mark Friedberg, MD, MPP, Senior Physician Policy Researcher, RAND Corporation will present and be followed by a panel that includes Greg Fuller, MD, a family physician at North Hills Family Medicine in Keller, Texas; William J. Kassler, MD, MPH, Deputy Chief Health Officer and Lead Population Health Officer at IBM Watson Health; Dylan Landers-Nelson, Manager Health Care Cost & Delivery at the National Business Group on Health; and Danielle Lloyd, SVP, Private Market Innovations & Quality Initiatives at America’s Health Insurance Plans.

At the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- identify how the effects on physician work experience and practice sustainability of health care payment models have evolved since 2014
- recognize the effects of interactions between payment models and regulation and the shift to value-based care
- discover the tools and other types of support that physician practices have found most useful to succeeding in alternative payment models
**CEJA Open Forum - Ethics of Providing Care Abroad (1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

9:30–11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, National Harbor 10
Hosted by the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs

The AMA Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs (CEJA) report writing process will be explained, and then, after introducing themselves to each other, learners will participate in small groups with one member of CEJA at each table (acting as moderator) to discuss the report in development entitled “Global Health: Ethics & Limited Resources.” The moderator will present a case to their table related to an aspect of ethics in global health (such as medical student training, reconciling conflicting social traditions, continuity of care) and facilitate a discussion mimicking the types of questions, considerations and framing that go into a CEJA discussion of a report in development. In a concluding plenary session, each table will share key points of their discussion.

Upon completion of this session, physicians will be able to:
- describe CEJA’s approach to ethical analysis and deliberation
- explain the nature and scope of CEJA’s role in developing ethics policy via the report writing process
- recognize the challenges of crafting policy in a way which addresses the positions of various stakeholders

**Elections matter: Health policy and legislative strategy after the November 6th election (1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

10–11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, Potomac D
Hosted by the Surgical Caucus of the AMA

This program will describe how physicians can engage in Congress and state legislatures to effectively advocate for their patients and their profession and explain the critical outcomes of the 2018 mid-term election as they pertain to legislative leadership, potential focus of Congress particularly related to healthcare policy, and how this will impact physician organization legislative strategy.

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

The American College of Surgeons designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### Section and Special Group Events

**AMA Organized Medical Staff Section business meeting and reference committee hearing**
2–5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, Potomac D

**AMA Doctors Back to School™**
7–11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Round trip bus transportation to a local high school from the hotel lobby.
Hosted by the AMA Minority Affairs Section (AMA-MAS)

**AMA Organized Medical Staff Section business meeting**
10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Potomac D

**AMA EXPO**
1–7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, Exhibit Hall C

Participate in the first-ever AMA EXPO where you can network and learn alongside your peers in three events tailored to students, residents, fellows, early career international medical graduates, and young physicians. For more information visit ama-assn.org/events/ama-expo.
• **AMA Lecture Series** (1–5 p.m. & 6:30–7:30 p.m.)
  Hear from experts on topics such as tips for maintaining health and wellness, how to impress during residency interviews, practical strategies to tackle student loans and contracting 101 for physicians.

• **AMA Career Fair** (1–7:30 p.m.)
  Connect with recruiters to learn more about residency programs and health care institutions of varying sizes.

• **16th Annual AMA Research Symposium**
  (Judge Check-in 2–3 p.m. | Poster Presentations 3–5 p.m. | Podium Presentations 5–6:30 p.m.)
  Volunteer to judge original research from students, residents, fellows and ECFMG-certified candidates awaiting residency at [ama-assn.org/events/ama-research-symposium](http://ama-assn.org/events/ama-research-symposium).

**AMA Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Issues and Allies caucus**
5–6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, National Harbor 11

**AMA Senior Physicians Section assembly**
11 a.m.–Noon Saturday, Nov. 10, Woodrow Wilson A

**AMA Section Council on LGBTQ Health business meeting**
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**AMA International Medical Graduates Section meeting and reception**
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**AMA Women Physicians Section meeting**
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**AMA Minority Affairs Section business meeting**
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**Joint Networking Reception**
7–9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, Potomac Foyer
  Co-hosted by the AMA International Medical Graduates Section, the AMA Minority Affairs Section and the AMA Women Physicians Section

**AMA International Medical Graduates Section delegates’ caucus**
9–10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, Azalea 3

**Exhibits**

**AMA Foundation (AMAF) Booth**
Through its high-impact program portfolio, the AMAF is helping medical students lessen their financial burden with their *Physicians of Tomorrow Scholarships* and serving more under- or uninsured patients in free community health clinics across the nation. Learn more about how donations directly support their ability to bring together physicians and communities through these programs and others such as the *Physician Disaster Recovery Fund*. Consider also paying it forward to the next generation of medical leaders by serving as a mentor to final year medical students. Ask a staff member about this unique opportunity with the new *Leadership Development Institute*.

Stop by the booth to see the Foundation’s unique Interim 2018 pin and learn how you can get one! If you can’t visit the booth, [make a gift online](http://ama-assn.org/ama/education/leadership-development-institute) or open the AMA Meetings app and go to “Foundation,” then click the “Donate Now” button. You can then visit the booth to pick up your recognition.

For additional information, please call (312) 464-4200 or email [Parker.Lanigan@ama-assn.org](mailto:Parker.Lanigan@ama-assn.org).
Visit the Member Center Booth and pick up a free gift!
Located between registration and the Maryland Ballroom, from Saturday, Nov. 10 through Tuesday, Nov. 13.

- Pick up a free gift
- Get assistance with membership related inquiries
- Update your AMA account to customize your news subscriptions
- Learn how to convey key AMA messages to your peers
- And check out a few surprises in the store!

Special events

AMA Ambassador program overview and training
8 a.m.–noon Saturday, Nov. 10, Mariner Ballroom (Residence Inn)

Are you interested in spreading the word about what the AMA is doing for physicians and their patients? Would you like to learn how to effectively communicate the AMA’s core messages and proof points? All AMA Ambassadors and meeting attendees are invited to this Ambassador program overview and training. Whether you are a current Ambassador or you are interested in learning more, attend this session and learn about the benefits of being an AMA Ambassador.

- Learn about the AMA Ambassador program structure and benefits
- Create an AMA Ambassador profile and learn about ambassador tools
- Review AMA core messages, proof points, and the anatomy of an elevator pitch
- Rehearse an elevator pitch and receive feedback from Dr. Ty Media LLC
- Meet and network with current AMA Ambassadors

Attendees may participate in any portion of the overview and training:
8 a.m.   Continental breakfast provided
8:15 a.m. AMA Ambassador program overview
9:30 a.m. AMA proof points and elevator pitch
10 a.m.  Dr. Ty Media coaching session
11 a.m.  Breakout groups and 1-on-1 training

Contact J. Mori Johnson at jmori.johnson@ama-assn.org if you have any questions or would like more information.

Catholic Mass
Catholic Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 in Potomac D. All are welcome.

AMPAC Capitol Club luncheon
AMPAC’s Capitol Club luncheon which will be held at noon Monday, Nov. 12. Invited are 2018 Platinum, Gold, and Silver AMPAC members. The featured speaker will be political veteran Charlie Cook, who will give an election overview and prognosticate on how the 2018 elections will affect the upcoming Congress as well as the 2020 presidential race.

NOTES
The following list is provided for your convenience. All items mentioned in the Speakers’ Letter are included along with a few other items of possible interest.

(Items listed in bold are official AMA-HOD sessions, reference committees or programs.)

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**Tuesday, November 13**

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