

Speakers' Letter

2017 Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates

November 11–14, 2017

Hawaii Convention Center, Honolulu

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following information is provided to aid your planning for the upcoming Interim Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. Before you arrive in Hawaii, we encourage you to visit the online member [forums](#) and 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*.

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House of Delegates schedule

The 2017 Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) will meet Nov. 11–14 at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. The AMA-HOD will convene at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 in the Kalakaua Ballroom. The Opening Session will conclude no later than 6 p.m. On Sunday, Nov. 12, 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	312
Reference Committee B (legislation)	313C
Reference Committee F (AMA governance and finance)	Kalakaua Ballroom
Reference Committee J (medical service, medical practice, insurance)	313A
Reference Committee K (education, science and public health)	311

The AMA-HOD will reconvene at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 13, and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14. 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.

Meeting details and reminders

Handbook distribution

The Handbook will be posted on the Interim Meeting website by October 13. 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 25. 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 located in the Hawaii Convention Center. For security purposes, all attendees will be required to provide photo identification at the AMA registration desk in order to receive their credentials and other materials. Registration will open daily at 7 a.m. and run from Friday, Nov. 10 through Tuesday, Nov. 14.

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

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

Meeting attire

Your Speakers have determined that business casual attire is appropriate for all portions of the Interim Meeting. This is in keeping with the norms of Hawaii.

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 "ZY3G795513" in the offer code 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 "ZY3G" and agreement code "795513." A service fee will apply.

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

To travel between the airport and your hotel, contact SpeediShuttle to arrange shuttle transportation. Access their website at speedishuttle.com/group-reservations?id=AMA79503.

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. 9. 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. 11 in the Kalakaua Ballroom. Included in the Opening Session will be the presentation of various awards and addresses by AMA President David Barbe, 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 Hilton Hawaiian Village and Hawaii Convention Center. The AMA will provide notifications through the app for important meeting updates.

Users who don't yet have the app can download it 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 and download/Install the app. Once you are in the CrowdCompass AttendeeHub search "AMA." Tap on the 2017 AMA Interim Meeting and the conference app will be downloaded. The app launches October 6.

Shuttle Buses between Hilton and Hawaii Convention Center

Bus transportation will be available between the Hilton Hawaiian Village and the Hawaii Convention Center on the following schedule. Buses will depart the Hilton from the Tapa Tower bus terminal.

	<u>1st Bus Departs Hilton Tapa Tower Bus Terminal</u>	<u>Last Bus Departs Convention Center</u>
Thursday, Nov. 9	10:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 10	6:00 a.m.	9:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 11	5:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 12	5:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 13	6:00 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 14	6:00 a.m.	1:30 p.m.

Buses will depart each location at 15 minute intervals.

Convention Center concession stand

The Hawaii Convention Center features a concession stand on the third level. It will be open during the following hours (subject to early closure for lack of business):

Saturday, Nov. 11	7 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 12	7 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 13	7 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 14	7 – 11 a.m.

Among the items for sale will be beverages, including coffee, tea, bottled water, juice and soda; freshly baked bagels, croissants and cookies; assorted whole fresh fruits and fruit bowls; yogurt, candy bars, chips; and lunch items, including freshly prepared deli sandwiches, all beef hot dogs, entrée salads and a chef's hot entrée.

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. 5 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 2017 Annual Meeting.

Proceedings of the 2017 Annual Meeting

The *Proceedings* of the House of Delegates for the 2017 Annual Meeting (A-17) have been [posted](#) on the AMA website. Approval of the minutes from A-17 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.

HOD Reference Manual: Procedures, Policies and Practices

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 2018 elections

Individuals who intend to seek election at the 2018 Annual Meeting are reminded that printed announcements may not be distributed in the meeting venue. Announcements provided to us by noon, Sunday, Nov. 12 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. 9 through Monday, Nov. 13 and from 7 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Registration is available through the meeting [website](#). Reservations are required.

	<u>Age up to 36 months</u>	<u>Age 3 years and older</u>
Half day (7 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.)	\$60	\$50
Full day (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.)	\$100	\$90
Wednesday	\$45	\$40

There is a \$10 per child registration fee, and prices do not include meals. The vendor, Accent on Children, is fully licensed, and caregivers have considerable experience in working with children.

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 in the convention center.

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 Friday, Nov. 10 in Tapa 2 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. 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 web site (osmapandtheforum.org) prior to the meeting. Suggestions for the agenda may be sent to Brian O. Foy, OSMAP Executive Director, at bfoy11@yahoo.com. Immediately following the general session, OSMAP will host a reception in the Hilton Tapa Foyer. 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. 11 in Tapa 3 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Breakfast will be available at 6:30 a.m. Join the Surgical Caucus for a combined business meeting and Handbook review session. Specialties participating in the Caucus are encouraged to send at least one representative to this meeting.

Academic Medicine caucus

All AMA delegates and alternate delegates with an academic appointment are invited to attend the AMA Academic Medicine Caucus, 5-6 p.m. (or 15 minutes after the HOD recesses) Saturday, Nov. 11 in 323A, and again from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13 in 322B.

Attendees will discuss issues pertaining to academic medicine and review the report of Reference Committee K. Network with colleagues and share ideas on how the AMA can continue to provide leadership in medical education. Learn more about the Academic Physicians Section, which serves as the voice of academic physicians to the AMA House of Delegates, by visiting ama-assn.org/go/sms on our AMA's website.

New rural medicine 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 low resource availability. The challenges these 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 first Rural Medicine Caucus from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12 in 316B. Attendees will enjoy networking with colleagues, sharing ideas on how the AMA might better serve rural physicians and patients, and discuss any resolutions which 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.

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 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12 in 318A at the convention center. 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 meet from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12 in Room 313A at the convention center. The PPPC has over 200 members and meets at each of the AMA meetings 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. This may be Dr. McAvoy's last meeting, and all are invited to thank him for all his excellent work over the years to help build the PPPC.

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. 10 and Monday, Nov. 13. For information beyond the educational programming and limited number of special events noted further [below](#), visit ama-assn.org/go/sections.

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.

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

The deadline to claim credit for sessions certified by the AMA is December 31, 2017. The AMA Education Center can be accessed at cme.ama-assn.org/Education.aspx. Click on "Sign In" in the upper right hand corner of the screen, and enter your AMA username and password or create an account. Follow the instructions and complete the evaluation for each activity attended. Physicians will receive a CME certificate; non-physicians will receive a Certificate of Participation. Certificates will be saved in the "Transcript" section.

***Physician burnout: How integrated systems are addressing the problem (2.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

8:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 301A-B

Hosted by the AMA Integrated Physician Practice Section (AMA-IPPS)

Lotte Drybre, MD, Mayo Clinic, co-author of Mayo's Physician Burnout Index and Michael Tutty, PhD, who leads the AMA's physician satisfaction efforts, will talk about their work and the results they have seen so far. Reaction panelists will discuss their organizations' experiences, followed by a roundtable discussion where participants can share and learn from peers.

***Protecting our patients: What physicians need to know about cybersecurity (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 314

Hosted by the AMA Organized Medical Staff Section (AMA-OMSS)

Now more than ever you need tools and resources to help protect the medical data of your patients. Join a fellow physician and cybersecurity expert for a review of what you can do to prevent medical data theft and support security efforts at your hospital or in your practice.

Resident and Fellow Section wellness session

12:45-1:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 309

Hosted by the AMA Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS)

Participants in this session will learn techniques in meditation and mindfulness for de-stressing and improving focus. Taylor DesRosiers George, MD, certified yoga instructor, will lead the session.

***Opioid safety initiative: The Permanente Medical Group approach (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

12:45-1:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 301A-B

Hosted by the AMA Integrated Physician Practice Section (AMA-IPPS)

Patrice Harris, MD, immediate past chair of the AMA Board of Trustees will briefly share the work of the AMA's Opioid Task Force. Carol Havens, MD, from The Permanente Medical Group (TPMG) will amplify her work to address the opioid epidemic within TPMG's system, which has received national recognition and media attention.

***Promoting a culture of safety within your medical staff (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

1:45-2:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 314

Hosted by the AMA Organized Medical Staff Section (AMA-OMSS)

As the leaders of hospitals and medical staffs, you play an integral role in cultivating a patient safety culture. This session will provide an overview of the behaviors, attitudes, and beliefs that contribute to a culture of safety within health care environments, discuss how culture changes, and share tactics that you can employ when implementing and sustaining a culture of patient safety with medical staffs.

***Being present: Physician wellness and mindfulness (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

9-10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 320

Hosted by all AMA Sections; Practice sustainability and satisfaction track

Physicians face numerous stressors, including increasing administrative responsibilities, regulatory pressures, and evolving payment and care delivery models. Professional pressures and stress can lead to physician burnout, which can have an impact on organizational productivity, morale, costs, and the quality of care. This session will provide an overview of contributing factors associated with physician burnout and ways you can address burnout individually and organizationally.

***Telemedicine: Improving patient care and health outcomes (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

9-10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 310

Hosted by all AMA Sections; Advocacy track

Telemedicine technology has the potential to transform health care delivery and ameliorate many care coordination challenges facing the U.S. health care system. It can help improve access to care, care coordination, and quality and, when properly used, has the potential to reduce the rate of growth in health care spending. Implementing telemedicine in your practice can help you reach more patients, provide a better care experience, and improve your patients' health outcomes.

***Situational leadership for physicians (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

9-10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 315

Hosted by all AMA Sections; Leadership track

As leaders in your hospital, medical school, or practice, you need to understand when, and how, to adjust your leadership style to fit the needs and communications style of your team members and staff and to ensure improved patient care and quality outcomes. Join expert faculty for this session to help you develop

the required skills to fine-tune your approach to leadership, based on the specific clinical situation, including the number and type of health professionals and the needs of the patient.

***Advocacy: Tools of the trade (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

10:10-11:10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 310

Hosted by all AMA Sections; Advocacy track

Physician advocates play a vital role in educating and influencing policymakers on matters that affect patient care and outcomes. Despite the importance of such advocacy, physicians rarely receive formal training on how to most effectively undertake advocacy activities on behalf of their patients and the profession.

This program will introduce tools and skills that every physician should employ when connecting with decision makers, including how to organize your peers, how to build relationships with legislators, and effectively communicate an advocacy message.

***Generational changes: Managing up, leadership, and followership (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

10:10-11:10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 315

Hosted by all AMA Sections; Leadership track

With new generations entering the health care workforce, what changes can we expect to see in organized medicine, health care systems, and physician groups? Younger generations are increasingly diverse and have different expectations than their predecessors with regard to work-life balance, lines of authority, technology, privacy, and social media. Today's leaders in medicine need to prepare for the impacts of this demographic shift for educational and work environments and patient outcomes. Learn techniques to help you work more effectively with colleagues from multiple generations and adapt your style to ensure everyone is working in concert for the benefit of patients.

***Trends in Academic Medicine: Community preceptors, innovations in pedagogy, and more (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

10:10-11:10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 320

Hosted by all AMA Sections; Practice sustainability and satisfaction track

How can you mentor the future generation of physicians? Serving as a preceptor to medical students, residents, and fellows is an excellent way for community-based practicing physicians to mentor others. Learn more about precepting and balancing it with clinical and administrative duties. Both the administrative perspective (i.e., what schools can offer, trends in funding, faculty appointments, etc.) as well as the preceptor viewpoint will be addressed in this session.

Another key trend in medical education is the information explosion and the need for future physicians to move beyond mere memorization to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Learn about the many ongoing innovations in medical education (including those of the AMA's Accelerating Change in Medical Education consortium) that can help make learning more readily applicable and relevant to future physicians. Also, be sure to bring your own ideas to share during the open forum segment of this session.

***Advocacy: What roles exist for physicians? (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

11:20 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 310

Hosted by all AMA Sections; Advocacy track

Physicians have an important role to play in health care advocacy. With health care accounting for a large (and growing) share of the American economy and with medicine evolving rapidly, physicians are in a prime position to help navigate and influence these discussions to benefit physicians and their patients.

This program will highlight the experiences of physicians and a professional lobbyist who advocate for their patients and the profession in diverse ways. Panelists include a lobbyist from a state medical association, a physician legislator, and a physician leader from a large health system. Join us for a discussion about how you can take an active role in advocacy and the political process.

***Achieving health equity through organized medicine as physician leaders (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

11:20 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 315
Hosted by all AMA Sections; Leadership track

The implementation of the ACA has helped close the gap in health equity, but disparities in care and health outcomes persist. Health disparities adversely affect groups of people who have systematically experienced greater obstacles to health care based on race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, socioeconomic status, and sexual orientation. A comprehensive, multilevel strategy is needed to eliminate these disparities. Learn how you can integrate effective interventions, new techniques, and patient considerations into your practice to help mitigate and eliminate health disparities.

***Outside of the box: Physician innovators and entrepreneurs (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

11:20 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 320
Hosted by all AMA Sections; Practice sustainability and satisfaction track

As a physician, you can and should shape the future of health care. Through lending your expertise to a tech company or pursuing a career as an entrepreneur, you can play a role in supporting and building innovations in medicine and have a lasting impression on the future of medicine. Join fellow physician-entrepreneurs for a discussion about how you can become involved in advances that hold promise for improved health care.

***Keeping Your Brain Fit (1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

Noon-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 312
Co-hosted by the AMA Senior Physicians Section (AMA-SPS), the AMA Organized Medical Staff Section (AMA-OMSS), and the AMA Academic Physicians Section (AMA-APS)

With the aging of our society, we are witnessing an ever-increasing number of individuals who develop mild cognitive impairment and dementia. To date, we have no cure for Alzheimer's disease with over 100 failed clinical trials of novel medications. The American public often turns to their primary care and specialty physicians for support and education as they navigate advertisements supporting brain training products as well as nutritional and other supplements to improve brain function and memory.

It is important for physicians and other clinicians to be more informed about the science behind claims for various products and other treatment options. To date, the best evidence supports lifestyle changes to improve cognitive function and possibly prevent dementia with little data to support other approaches. This presentation will summarize the data and present evidence for physicians to provide to patients regarding how to "maintain the aging brain."

The featured speaker is Allan A. Anderson, MD, MMM, CMD, assistant professor, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, vice president, Dementia Care Practice, Integrase, and medical director, Samuel and Alexia Bratton Memory Clinic, The Gardena at Bayleigh Chase, Easton, MD. The reaction panelist will be Jeremy A. Lazarus, MD, AMA past president (2012-2013). The program will be introduced and moderated by Paul H. Wick, MD, chair, AMA-SPS Governing Council.

Reclaiming the Joy in Medicine: Personal Practices and Systemic Approaches for Success

1-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov 12, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 316A

Hosted by the Forum for Medical Affairs

The program will feature a special theatrical presentation by Michael Milligan, entitled “Side Effects.” Michael is a professional actor and he will explore the side effects of practicing medicine in America today. Immediately following Mr. Milligan, Laurie Drill-Mellum, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer of Constellation, will discuss how physicians can reclaim the joy in medicine and recapture their love for taking care of patients in a challenging and constantly challenging health care environment.

Immediately following The Forum presentations, Barbara McAneny, MD, AMA President-elect, will moderate a panel discussion featuring Mr. Milligan and Dr. Drill-Mellum, as well as Ryan Ribeira, MD, resident member of the AMA Board of Trustees, who will present a young physician’s view on the stresses of medicine and how one reclaims or recaptures the joy in medicine despite these challenges. There will be ample opportunity for Q&A during this session.

All members of the AMA House of Delegates, their spouses and invited guests are welcome to attend. There is no cost to attend The Forum and no pre-registration is required. For more information regarding The Forum, please go to osmapandtheforum.org.

Physician health and physician health programs

3-4:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, Hawaii Convention Center, Emalani Theater (Room 320)

Hosted by AMA’s Professional Satisfaction and Practice Sustainability Strategy Group

This interactive session will review the evolution of physician health, and the role of physician health programs (PHPs) to create awareness and access for physicians in need of confidential assistance for their substance use and mental health needs including burnout and stress prevention. Under the PHP model, recovery rates have been strikingly better than for the public at large, improving the health of the physicians they serve while also contributing positively to patient safety. A review of national PHP outcomes and practices will also be provided, along with highlights of the recent AMA Physician Health Programs Act passed in 2016. A deeper review of the history of the Missouri PHP will provide attendees with an example of a model PHP, while highlighting areas of future potential for physician health programs.

Featured speakers include Warren J. Pendergast, MD, past president, Federation of State Physician Health Programs and Bob Bondurant, RN, LCSW, executive director, Missouri Physicians Health Program.

Litigation Center open meeting

3-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 314

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

A panel will discuss the AMA and state medical societies’ joint efforts to increase transparency within state insurance agencies, so that when health insurance companies seek to consolidate the pertinent issues can be addressed at the state level. Also, a presentation will be made of a lawsuit fighting a Wisconsin law, which allows government officials to incarcerate pregnant women who are habitual drug abusers.

Delivering a falls risk assessment in the clinical setting

3-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, Hawaii Convention Center, Lili’u Theater (Room 310)

Hosted by the American College of Preventive Medicine

Recent data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show that 1 in 4 older adults (29 million) reported a fall in 2014, yet less than half spoke to their physician about their fall. With annual medical expenses for older adult falls reaching more than \$31 million, a need exists to work with clinicians to encourage them to conduct appropriate evidence-based falls prevention (screening, assessments, interventions) to seniors when they go to the clinic for a routine visit. This session will describe the CDC

STEADI (Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths & Injuries) initiative, review core components of clinical fall prevention, and provide direction on how providers bill for this service.

Presenters will include David Reuben, MD, Chief, Geriatric Medicine; Director, Multicampus Program in Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology; and Professor, Department of Medicine, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Department of Medicine, Division of Geriatrics. Matthew Twetten, Certified CPT coding specialist, and Stanley J. Michaels, MFA, Senior Fall Prevention Specialist, Injury Prevention Systems Branch, Hawaii State Department of Health, will also present.

Harvey, Irma, and Maria - Medical Responses to Natural Disasters

8-10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, Hawaii Convention Center, Emalani Theater (Room 320)
Hosted by the Office of the Speakers

The session will be co-moderated by Kenneth L. Mattox, MD, Distinguished Service Professor at Baylor College of Medicine and Chief of Staff/Surgeon-in-Chief at Ben Taub Hospital, Houston; and Russell W.H. Kridel, MD, member, Board of Trustees, Houston. The session will explore impacts on public health, health care personnel management in shelters, the role of hospitals and emergency centers, as well as mental health implications for survivors and helpers. The session will also feature discussion of the role of county and state medical societies in helping local physicians.

Council on Legislation open forum

9-10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 315
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 is also intended to provide HOD attendees the opportunity to share with the Council and others in the room their comments on emerging federal and state legislative and regulatory issues impacting patients and the practice of medicine.

***CEJA open forum (1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

9:30-11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 312
Hosted by the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs

Following on sessions last November and this June that focused on ethical issues relating to physician-assisted suicide (PAS), the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs will devote its I-17 Open Forum to facilitated small-group discussions relating to PAS. The Council particularly hopes to gain insight about how its guidance could address the reality that there are deep differences of belief and commitment among morally thoughtful physicians in relation to physician participation in assisted suicide. The session will feature a brief introduction, facilitated discussions, and a concluding plenary session for groups to share their insights and suggestions.

Please note that the program will begin promptly at 9:30. Given the format of small-group discussion, attendees are asked to be present for the entire 90-minute session. Space is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Learning Objectives:

- 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 difficulties inherent in crafting policy within a group of physicians who hold conflicting viewpoints

In light of the importance of this topic, CEJA wishes to ensure ample time for discussion and will forego its usual practice of inviting attendees to introduce in person emerging ethical issues that may warrant attention from CEJA and inclusion in the AMA *Code of Medical Ethics*. CEJA urges attendees to identify issues for its future consideration via email to Elliott Crigger, CEJA Secretary, at Elliott.Crigger@ama-assn.org.

The full agenda for the Open Forum can be found at ama-assn.org/go/ceja on AMA's website.

†Surgical Caucus: Hazards of the deep: Trauma in paradise (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)

10–11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, Hawaii Convention Center, Emalani Theater (Room 320)

Hosted by the Surgical Caucus of the AMA

This program will describe the types of injuries and medical conditions experienced by scuba divers, swimmers, surfers, and other outdoor tourist and recreation activities as well as treatment options; and discuss the current statewide trauma system and issues related to treating trauma in less-populated and geographically distant areas.

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 1.0 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

Young Physicians Section new member orientation/parliamentary procedure briefing

7:30-8 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 303B

Hosted by the AMA Young Physicians Section (AMA-YPS)

Young Physicians Section assembly

8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 312

Hosted by the AMA Young Physicians Section (AMA-YPS)

Publishing your work: Edward H. Livingston, MD, FACS, AGAF, Deputy Editor, JAMA

2-3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 311

Co-hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS), the AMA Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS), and the AMA International Medical Graduates Section (AMA-IMGS)

A kick-off event to the 15th Annual AMA Research Symposium, Dr. Edward Livingston will discuss how to shape your career as a scientific researcher in your field and publish your work.

Meet and greet: Edward H. Livingston, MD, FACS, AGAF, Deputy Editor, JAMA

4-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, Hawaii Convention Center, Exhibit Hall III

Co-hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS), the AMA Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS), and the AMA International Medical Graduates Section (AMA-IMGS)

Dr. Livingston will be available to meet researchers and answer their questions about the publishing process in the AMA Research Symposium exhibition hall.

AMA Research Symposium

4-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, Hawaii Convention Center

Co-hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS), the AMA Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS), and the AMA International Medical Graduates Section (AMA-IMGS)

- Podium presentations and judging (4-5 p.m.)
 - Medical Students, Room 318A
 - Residents and Fellows, Room 318B
 - International Medical Graduates, Room 319A
- Poster presentations and judging (4-6 p.m.), Exhibit Hall III

View the original research of students, residents, and international medical graduates and participate in a networking reception. All meeting attendees and physicians in the local area are invited. AMA Research Symposium participants see great value in networking with practicing physicians and AMA leadership.

If you are interested in judging and selecting the best research at the 15th Annual AMA Research Symposium, find out more at ama-assn.org/symposium-judge.

Minority Affairs Section reception and business meeting

4:30-6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Rainbow 3

Hosted by the AMA Minority Affairs Section (AMA-MAS)

The keynote address, “How family-centered care helps Hawaiian healthcare meet the needs of a diverse patient population,” will be delivered by Maile Taualii, PhD, MPH, assistant professor of native Hawaiian and indigenous health at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. Dr. Taualii’s presentation will focus on research and recent efforts to develop an ‘Ohana Centered model for health care delivery that is rooted in Native Hawaiian values. This work focuses on moving from patient centered care to ‘Ohana Centered care with the goal to assist patients in receiving the best individual care and disease prevention, and also receive advice and assistance in keeping their entire ‘Ohana healthy, from their kupuna (elders) to their unborn keiki (children) and everyone in between. The goal of this culturally respectful delivery model is to prevent disease, maintain health, prepare for the next generation, and help the kupuna ease gracefully into the time of hala, or the passing from this life into the next.

Following the keynote will be a discussion led by AMA-MAS delegate Dionne Hart, MD, regarding pending resolutions and other business before the House of Delegates that relate to minority health or physicians who are underrepresented in medicine.

LGBTQ and Allies reception and caucus

5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Tapa 1

Hosted by the AMA Advisory Committee on LGBTQ Issues (AMA-LGBTQ)

The program will feature a panel discussion, “Walking the walk: How to navigate LGBTQ community engagement and social justice in medicine,” including family physician David McEwan, MD (moderator); pediatrician Bob Bidwell, MD (Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children); internist Jennifer Frank, MD (University of Hawaii, Manoa, University Health Services); internist Cyril Goshima, MD; and internist physician Drew Kovach, MD. Panelists will share perspectives on medicine and community engagement as a form of social activism to achieve health justice. They will discuss their decades-long practice of medicine through public health and legal crises (e.g. AIDS epidemic, same-gender marriage) in the Hawaiian LGBTQ community and how it led to improved health and wellness today, as well as for future generations.

Senior Physicians Section assembly

11:30 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 11, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 312

Hosted by the AMA Senior Physicians Section (AMA-SPS)

All AMA members who are 65 years of age and older and anyone interested in senior physician issues is encouraged to attend the AMA-SPS assembly. Those present may introduce new items of business related to the Section's mission and review items in the AMA House of Delegates Handbook.

Lunch will be served on a first-come, first-served basis. [Advance registration](#) is appreciated.

Women Physicians Section business meeting

5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu Suite Lanai

Hosted by the AMA Women Physicians Section (AMA-WPS)

Shobha Stack, MD, 2016 winner of the Joan F. Giambalvo Fund for the Advancement of Women Program, will present her findings on "Childbearing among physicians in training: a cross-sectional survey of trends and factors." In addition, Maria Bahena, AMA market research manager, will provide an overview of the results of the 2017 AMA survey of women physicians.

IMGS Congress meeting and reception

5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 316B

Hosted by the AMA International Medical Graduates Section (AMA-IMGS)

Join the AMA-IMGS for an opportunity to network with colleagues and review the resolutions being considered during the AMA House of Delegates meetings, as well as to discuss other business and policy initiatives.

Women Physicians Section associates luncheon

12:30-1:45 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 318B

Hosted by the AMA Women Physicians Section (AMA-WPS)

Participants will discuss the 2017 survey of women physicians as well as issues concerning women physicians and their patients and topics for future AMA-WPS educational sessions.

Busharat Ahmad, MD, leadership development program

2:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, Hawaii Convention Center, Room 317A

Hosted by the AMA International Medical Graduates Section (AMA-IMGS)

Come and learn how to become a dynamic, effective leader.

Exhibits**Free gift & demos: Visit the AMA exhibit**

- See short demos covering some of our newest member resources
- Post photos and comments on our digital communities
- Learn how your membership is impacting medicine
- Pick up your free gift!

AMA Foundation booth

Please visit the [AMA Foundation](#) booth to learn how the AMAF is bringing together physicians and communities to improve our nation's health. Through its newly enhanced Community Health and Medical Education & Leadership Programs, the AMAF is unleashing the power of philanthropy to measurably improve the health of this country's most vulnerable populations.

If you are interested in being a part of the AMAF's new Leadership Development Institute and mentoring final year medical students, stop by the booth for more information.

Support the AMAF's mission to bring together physicians and communities to improve the nation's health by making a gift. At June's AMA-HOD meeting you collectively contributed over \$100,000 to medical education and community health initiatives. Join your colleagues and [make a gift](#) of at least \$100 today. Stop by the booth or open the AMA Meetings app and under Foundation click the newly created "Donate Now" button. For additional information, please call (312) 464-4200 or email Parker.simensen@ama-assn.org for assistance.

Special events

Catholic Mass

We are trying to arrange for Catholic Mass on Saturday, Nov. 11. If we are successful, Mass will be celebrated in Tapa 3 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. All are welcome.

AMPAC Capitol Club luncheon

Due to the logistical challenges of having a speaker in Honolulu, AMPAC will not be hosting a Capitol Club luncheon during the Interim Meeting. Although AMPAC is not having an official event, please stop by the AMPAC booth to pick up a special gift. The AMPAC booth is located in the Kalakaua Foyer outside the House of Delegates ballroom at the Hawaii Convention Center. The booth will be open for business on Saturday, Nov. 11 through Tuesday, Nov. 14.

AMPAC will also begin accepting contributions for 2018. AMPAC is the American Medical Association's bi-partisan political action committee that directly supports medicine-friendly candidates running for federal office. By contributing to AMPAC, you help strengthen our voice in Washington and safeguard the interests of our profession.

AMA Foundation leadership and mentoring focus groups

This year the AMA Foundation is launching a Leadership Development Institute dedicated to cultivating a diverse cohort of aspiring physician leaders who are committed to serving the needs of their communities and improving the nation's health. As part of this, the AMAF will be hosting informal focus groups for medical students and HOD members interested in becoming mentors.

The student focus groups invite feedback on what students would like to see in a leadership and mentoring program and will be used to develop curriculum for the Institute. Groups for students will meet at the following times at the Hilton Hawaiian Village:

Thursday, Nov. 9	4 – 5 p.m.	Iolani 6-7
Friday, Nov. 10	8 – 9 a.m.	Iolani 3
Sunday, Nov. 12	8 – 9 a.m.	Iolani 3

The mentorship meetings are breakfast sessions where HOD members can stop by for information about becoming a mentor or helping to develop curriculum for the Institute.

Monday, Nov. 13	7 – 9 a.m.	Convention Center Room 328
Tuesday, Nov. 14	7 – 8:30 a.m.	Convention Center Room 323C

Please email amafoundation@ama-assn.org for more information.

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.)

Events are at the Hawaii Convention Center (HCC) unless italicized.

Activities offering continuing medical education credit are preceded by an asterisk (*) or dagger (†).

Time	Event	Location†
Thursday, November 9		
4–5 p.m.	<i>AMAF student focus group regarding mentoring</i>	<i>Iolani 6-7, Hilton</i>
5 p.m.	Deadline for not for official business bag	AMA production at Hawaii Convention Center
Friday, November 10		
7 a.m.–6 p.m.	Delegate registration	Main lobby, HCC
7:30–8 a.m.	Young Physicians Section new member orientation/parliamentary procedure briefing	303B
8–9 a.m.	<i>AMAF student focus group regarding mentoring</i>	<i>Iolani 3, Hilton</i>
8:30–11:15 a.m.	*Physician burnout: How integrated systems are addressing the problem	301 A-B
8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.	Young Physicians Section assembly	312
12:30–1:30 p.m.	*Protecting our patients: What physicians need to know about cybersecurity	314
12:45–1:45 p.m.	Resident and Fellow Section wellness session	309
12:45–1:45 p.m.	*Opioid safety initiative: The Permanente Medical Group approach	310 A-B
1:45–2:45 p.m.	*Promoting a culture of safety within your medical staff	314
2–3 p.m.	Education session with: Edward H. Livingston, MD, deputy editor, JAMA	311
2–5 p.m.	<i>OSMAP</i>	<i>Tapa 2, Hilton</i>
4–6 p.m.	AMA Research Symposium	318A, 318B, 319A
4–6 p.m.	Meet and greet: Edward H. Livingston, MD	Exhibit Hall III
4:30–6:30 p.m.	<i>Minority Affairs Section reception and business meeting</i>	<i>Rainbow 3, Hilton</i>
5:30–7:30 p.m.	<i>LGBTQ and Allies reception and caucus</i>	<i>Tapa 1</i>
Saturday, November 11		
6:45–9:30 a.m.	<i>Surgical Caucus business meeting and Handbook review</i>	<i>Tapa 3, Hilton</i>
7 a.m.–6 p.m.	Delegate registration	Main lobby, HCC
9–10 a.m.	*Being present: Physician wellness and mindfulness	320
9–10 a.m.	*Telemedicine: Improving patient care and health outcomes	310
9–10 a.m.	*Situational leadership for physicians	315
10:10–11:10 a.m.	*Advocacy: Tools of the trade	310
10:10–11:10 a.m.	*Generational changes: Managing up, leadership, and followership	315
10:10–11:10 a.m.	*Trends in Academic Medicine: Community preceptors, innovations in pedagogy, and more	320
11:20 a.m.–12:20 p.m.	*Advocacy: What roles exist for physicians?	310
11:20 a.m.–12:20 p.m.	*Achieving health equity through organized medicine as physician leaders	315
11:20 a.m.–12:20 p.m.	*Outside of the box: Physician innovators and entrepreneurs	320
11:30 a.m.–noon	Senior Physicians Section assembly	312
Noon–1:30 p.m.	*Keeping Your Brain Fit	312
2–6 p.m.	House of Delegates Opening Session	Kalakaua Ballroom
5–6 p.m. (or post HOD)	Academic Medicine Caucus	323A
5:30–7:30 p.m.	<i>Women Physicians Section business meeting</i>	<i>Honolulu Suite Lanai, Hilton</i>
5:30–7:30 p.m.	IMGS Congress meeting and reception	316B
6:30 p.m.	<i>Catholic Mass (pending confirmation)</i>	<i>Tapa 3, Hilton</i>

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Time	Event	Location†
Sunday, November 12		
7 a.m.–6 p.m.	Delegate registration	Main lobby
8–9 a.m.	<i>AMAF student focus group regarding mentoring</i>	<i>Iolani 3, Hilton</i>
8–8:30 a.m.	AMA House of Delegates Business Session	Kalakaua Ballroom
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws	312
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee B	313C
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee F	Kalakaua Ballroom
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee J	313A
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee K	311
Noon	Deadline for election announcements to be shown at I-17	Speakers' Office
12:30–1:45 p.m.	Women Physicians Section associates luncheon	318B
1–3:30 p.m.	Forum for Medical Affairs	316A
1:30–2:30 p.m.	Rural Medicine Caucus	316B
1:30–3 p.m.	Speaker to speaker meeting	318A
2:30–3:30 p.m.	Busharat Ahmad, MD leadership development program	317A
3–4:15 p.m.	Physician health and physician health programs	Emalani Theater (320)
3–5 p.m.	Litigation Center	314
3–5 p.m.	Delivering a falls risk assessment in the clinical setting	Lili'u Theater (310)
3–5 p.m.	Private Practice Physician's Congress	313A
Monday, November 13		
7 a.m.–6 p.m.	Delegate registration	Main lobby
7–9 a.m.	AMAF focus group with HOD members regarding mentoring	328
8–10 a.m.	Harvey, Irma, and Maria - Medical Responses to Natural Disasters	Emalani Theater (320)
9–10 a.m.	Council on Legislation open forum	315
9:30–11 a.m.	*CEJA open forum	312
9:30–11 a.m.	Academic Medicine Caucus	322B
10–11 a.m.	†Surgical Caucus: Hazards of the deep: Trauma in paradise	Emalani Theater (320)
2–6 p.m.	House of Delegates Business Session	
Tuesday, November 14		
7 a.m.–noon	Delegate registration	Main lobby level
7–8:30 a.m.	AMAF focus group with HOD members regarding mentoring	323C
8:30 a.m.–noon	House of Delegates Business Session	Kalakaua Ballroom

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