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Speakers' Letter

2016 Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates

November 12–15, 2016

Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort, Orlando

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following information is provided to aid your planning for the upcoming Interim Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Don't forget that you are able to provide input on items of business via the online [forums](#) before you get to Orlando. Forums will be available by the time you receive this Speakers' Letter. We also encourage you to promote the forums to your colleagues who are AMA members (see page 3 for details).

Please call (312) 464-4463, email hod@ama-assn.org or visit ama-assn.org/go/interim2016 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 2016 Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) will meet Nov. 12–15 at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort in Orlando, Florida. The AMA-HOD will convene at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 in Pacific A–B Ballroom. Your Speakers intend to start promptly at 2 p.m. The Opening Session will conclude no later than 6 p.m. On Sunday, Nov. 13, the “Second Opening” of 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 after the Second Opening (all hearing rooms are in the Dolphin Tower):

Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution & Bylaws	Northern Hemisphere E3–4
Reference Committee B (legislation)	Southern Hemisphere 2
Reference Committee C (medical education)	Southern Hemisphere 4–5
Reference Committee F (AMA governance and finance)	Pacific A–B
Reference Committee J (medical service, medical practice, insurance)	Southern Hemisphere 3
Reference Committee K (science and public health)	Southern Hemisphere 1

As noted in the [meeting information memo](#), advocacy-related medical education issues will be handled in their own reference committee as part of a trial to even out workloads.

The AMA-HOD will reconvene at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, and 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15. 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.

Delegates and alternate delegates may request special accommodations (eg, an assistive listening device) by contacting the Office of House of Delegates Affairs by email at hod@ama-assn.org or phone (312) 464-4344.

**Note: All events are at the Dolphin unless the Swan is specified or otherwise indicated.
 Items preceded by an asterisk (*) are designated for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.**

Meeting details and reminders

Handbook distribution

The Handbook will be posted on the Interim Meeting website by October 14. 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/go/interim2016. 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 Dolphin Hotel Convention Foyer (Lobby Level). 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. 11 through Tuesday, Nov. 15.

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.

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.

Travel discounts

Our AMA has negotiated discounts with United Airlines. Visit united.com, and enter origin, destination, travel dates and ZW5Q537819 in the offer code box, whereupon available flights will be displayed. Further information is available in the meeting information [memo](#), which was mailed to all delegates in late-July and is posted on the meeting [website](#).

Transportation between the Orlando airport and the Swan and Dolphin resort is also available by visiting group.supershuttle.com/group-page/ama-2016. Users can save 10% with discount code WDV9C.

Meeting attire

Your Speakers have determined that business casual attire is appropriate for the Interim Meeting, including reference committee hearings. We do ask that business attire be worn by those seated on the dais during HOD business sessions. This includes reports of the reference committees.

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 Dolphin Hotel by 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10. 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. 12 in the Pacific A–B Ballroom. Included in the Opening Session will be the presentation of various awards, a brief presentation of the modernized *Code of Medical Ethics*, and addresses by AMA President Andrew Gurman, MD, and Executive Vice President James Madara, MD. Concluding the session will be a MACRA Update program. We will conclude by 6 p.m.

House of Delegates MACRA Update

At the close of the House of Delegates Opening Session on Saturday, Nov. 12, our AMA will provide an update on the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA). AMA President Andrew W. Gurman, MD, will moderate the session. AMA Senior Vice President Richard A. Deem will provide an overview of the Final MACRA Rule which is expected in mid- to late-October and will also highlight future MACRA advocacy priorities. AMA Group Vice President Michael A. Tutty, PhD, will showcase AMA tools and resources that the AMA has produced to assist physicians with MACRA implementation at the practice level. The forum will include time for attendees to ask questions related to MACRA.

Childcare options

We are fortunate that the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort offers childcare options for meeting attendees. The resort offers Camp Dolphin for children ages 4 through 12 from 5 p.m. to midnight. Details are available at swandolphin.com/kids/campdolphin.html and reservations are required. If child care is needed for different hours, arrangements can be made with Kids Nite Out at kidsniteout.com.

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.

Meeting app

Our AMA's new 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 Swan and Dolphin. The AMA will provide notifications through the app for important meeting updates.

Users who don't yet have the app can download it at either [Apple's app store](#) or the Android [Google Play store](#). The app can be found in each app store by searching for "AMA Meetings."

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/go/hodforum 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. 6 are unlikely to be captured in the summary reports that are prepared and posted on the meeting [website](#).

Zika virus and the Interim Meeting

Your Speakers have been monitoring the situation in Orlando with respect to the Zika virus. While there have been no locally transmitted cases of Zika virus in Orlando or surrounding Orange County, our best advice is that members of the House heed the travel guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Those recommendations can be found at cdc.gov/zika/geo/index.html on the CDC website. Additional information is available from the Florida Department of Health by visiting floridahealth.gov/newsroom, where one can find daily updates.

We are also hopeful that small, travel-size bottles of insect repellent can be made available at the meeting but would encourage you to bring your own, particularly if you expect to be outdoors.

PolicyFinder

The latest edition of PolicyFinder is available at ama-assn.org/go/policyfinder on the AMA website. The current version is complete through the 2016 Annual Meeting. If you have not yet used the new PolicyFinder, you will find it much easier to search and print, copy or download policies.

Proceedings of the 2016 Annual Meeting

The *Proceedings* of the House of Delegates for the 2016 Annual Meeting (A-16) have been [posted](#) on the AMA website. Approval of the minutes from A-16 is an action item at the Second Session of the AMA-HOD on Sunday morning. Corrections should be sent to hod@ama-assn.org.

Reports of the Board of Trustees and AMA councils

In accord with past practice, Board and council reports were posted to the 2016 Interim Meeting [website](#) for review by all physicians. The reports are posted until the Handbook becomes available, at which time they will be replaced by the electronic version of the Handbook, which contains all items of business—resolutions and reports—along with other information such as the Official Call, hotel maps and the seating chart.

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 November 2016 revision of the House of Delegates Reference Manual is now available online at <https://assets.ama-assn.org/sub/meeting/documents/hodrefmanual.pdf> (login required). This version includes an entirely new chapter on parliamentary procedure, incorporating AMA's new parliamentary authority (*The American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure*) along with changes adopted by the House. A number of other updates are also included for accuracy and to reflect current practice.

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 before the AMA-HOD.

14th Annual AMA Research Symposium

View the original research of students, residents and international medical graduates in our 14th Annual Research Symposium from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11 in Atlantic B–C at the Dolphin. All Interim Meeting attendees as well as physicians in the local area are invited. 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 14th Annual AMA Research Symposium, visit ama-assn.org/go/symposium-registration on our AMA's website. Immediately following the poster session, all judges are invited to attend a reception at the hotel.

Meetings and caucuses**OSMAP**

The Organization of State Medical Association Presidents (OSMAP) will hold its semi-annual membership meeting from 2 to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11 in Southern Hemisphere 2 at the Dolphin. State medical association presidents, presidents-elect, past presidents and executive directors are welcome to attend. Pre-registration is not necessary, and presidents-elect are especially encouraged to attend.

Following the general membership meeting, OSMAP will host a reception beginning at 5 p.m. in Southern Hemisphere 4. All OSMAP members, their spouses and invited guests are welcome to attend.

Visit osmapandtheforum.org for updates, including an agenda for the meeting. Questions may be directed to Brian Foy, OSMAP Executive Director at bfoy11@yahoo.com.

Council on Medical Education forum: Integration of allopathic and osteopathic GME accreditation

The Council on Medical Education will host a Stakeholders' Forum 2:30–4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11 in Southern Hemisphere 5 at the Dolphin to engage medical education stakeholders in a discussion of the implications of the integration of allopathic and osteopathic GME accreditation.

- What are the traditional differences between allopathic and osteopathic training, and how have these differences been addressed?
- Timeline: where did we begin, and where are we now?
- What are the downstream impacts of a combined accreditation system with respect to the following?
 - The overall number of training programs/slots available
 - International Medical Graduates
 - The rapidly increasing number of osteopathic and allopathic medical schools
 - The implications for board certification
 - The challenges and appeal of integrating MD and DO trainees and faculty

Leaders from national medical organizations have been invited to share perspectives on this issue. Featured presenters will include Lorenzo Pence, DO, Senior Vice President, Osteopathic Accreditation, Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; Tyler Cymet, DO, Associate Vice President for Medical Education, American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine; Isaac Kirstein, DO, Dean, Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and PI, AMA Accelerating Change in Medical Education grant; and James Swartwout, MA, Associate Executive Director, American Osteopathic Association. For more information please contact Karen Heins at karen.heins@ama-assn.org.

LGBTQA Caucus

The LGBTQ and allies caucus reception and education session will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11 in Osprey 1 at the Swan. Keynote remarks will focus on intersectionality, global LGBTQ health, and human rights. ~~The speaker will be Tim Lane, PhD, MPH, who is the board co-chair of OutRight Action International and an associate professor in the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California San Francisco.~~ LGBT health in the Middle East and Africa will be the focus of keynote remarks by Dr. Omar Harfouch, executive board vice president with the Lebanese Medical Association for Sexual Health, and past executive board member of Helem, the first LGBT rights organization in the Arab World.

The LGBT and allies caucus will meet 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 in Osprey 1 at the Swan to review the Handbook and discuss other items of business.

Both activities are hosted by the Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues. All attendees who are concerned about improving LGBTQ health, eliminating disparities among sexual and gender minorities, as well as diversity and LGBTQ's specifically within the medical profession are encouraged to attend. Contact Alexandra Lumakovska at (312) 464-5041 or alexandra.lumakovska@ama-assn.org for additional information.

Surgical Caucus Handbook review

The Surgical Caucus of the AMA will be meeting from 7 to 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 (breakfast available at 6:30 a.m.) in the Swan's Osprey 1 for a combined business meeting, caucus elections and handbook review session. Specialties participating in the Caucus are encouraged to send at least one representative to this meeting.

Forum for Medical Affairs

The Forum for Medical Affairs will present its annual educational program from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 in the Swan Ballroom 6 in the Swan Tower. All members of the House of Delegates, guests, as well as leadership and staff from the Federation are welcome to attend. No preregistration is required.

This year, The Forum will present “Genomic Engineering: The Transformative Discovery of our Time.” Objectives of the program include understanding the basic elements of CRISPR-Cas9, the gene editing technology most widely used in laboratories today; understanding how this transformative technology can be used to modify human, animal and plant genetics; and realizing how CRISPR-Cas9 can be applied to eliminate genetically based diseases and expand food supplies by increasing crop yields and controlling plant disease.

The keynote speaker will be Neville Sanjana, PhD, Core Faculty Member, New York Genome Center, and Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, New York University. Dr Sanjana will present “Gene Editing to Decipher Human Genetics.” Also speaking will be David Holley, MD, Forum program chair, who will discuss The Forum’s interest in this topic and his personal experience in the field. Moderating the session will be Steven J. Stack, MD, AMA Immediate Past President, who will share his perspective on this emerging science and the AMA’s overall interest. Following the presentations, Dr Stack will moderate a Q&A Session.

Updates on this program can be found at The Forum’s website: osmapandtheforum.org. Questions about the program or The Forum can be sent to Brian O. Foy, Forum Executive Director, at bfoy11@yahoo.com.

Private Practice Physician’s Congress

The Private Practice Physician’s Congress (PPPC) will be meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 in Southern Hemisphere 5 at the Dolphin. The PPPC has over 200 members and meets at each AMA meeting to discuss issues of interest to independent physicians. PPPC also sponsors a listserv dealing with all aspects of private practice. All medical students and physicians with an interest in the private practice of medicine are welcome to join. 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 Barb Hummel, MD, Secretary, at hummelb@ameritech.net or (414) 604-0520.

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 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 in Europe 4 at the Dolphin. The outlook for house of delegates meetings in state and specialty societies is one topic on our agenda, but as always, questions on procedure and suggestions for discussion items are welcome and may be sent to hod@ama-assn.org.

Obesity Caucus

Our AMA declared obesity a disease in June, 2013, but obesity rates continue to soar, with current estimates showing that more than 36% of US adults currently are affected by obesity. The AMA is in a unique position to make a difference by researching drivers of weight gain in our society, identifying the most effective screening methods and treatment options, and working with relevant stakeholders to turn this epidemic around.

All state and specialty societies, medical students, residents, and other AMA attendees, as well as section counsel leaders, AMA staff and board members are invited to attend the obesity caucus. Hosted by the Obesity Medicine Association’s delegate, Ethan Lazarus, MD, this is an opportunity for us to strategize next steps to improve the care of those affected by obesity.

The meeting is scheduled from 5 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13 in Pelican 2 at the Swan.

Academic Medicine Caucus

All AMA delegates and alternates with an academic appointment are invited to attend the AMA Academic Medicine Caucus, 9:30–11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14 in Swan Ballroom 1 on the Swan side of the resort.

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

Education sessions and forums

Several education sessions have been arranged for the 2016 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. For additional information on meetings and events sponsored by the AMA Sections and Special Groups visit ama-assn.org/go/sections. Also see the Forum for Medical Affairs program on page 6.

Sessions that offer CME credit are indicated by an asterisk (*). Please note that one session, the Surgical Caucus session at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, is designated for credit by the American College of Surgeons.

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.

To complete the CME activity evaluation forms and save your certificates on the AMA Online Learning Center, you will be required to use your AMA username and password, so bring that information to the meeting. If you have questions regarding your username and password or to create a username and password before arriving at the meeting, please contact the AMA Unified Service Center at (800) 262-3211.

Paper evaluation forms will not be available on site. Participants can claim *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*[™] until December 31, 2016 for those sessions designated by the American Medical Association.

***Emerging issues in medical staff affairs (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits[™])**

8–9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, Swan Ballroom 5

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

This program will provide an overview of a number of trends and include tips as to how medical staffs can effectively address these issues. Topics to be covered include criminal background checks and drug testing for medical staff members, revised requirements for reporting adverse medical staff actions to the National Practitioner Data Bank, assessment of senior physician competency, problems arising in medical staffs composed of both hospital-employed and independent members (“mixed” medical staffs), and more.

***MACRA: Make it work, make it better (3.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits[™])**

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, Pelican Room at the Swan

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

This program and workshop starts with a MACRA update, features a panel of physician leaders discussing the decisions their organizations have made related to new payment models, and culminates with four detail-oriented tabletop workshops focusing on new payment models. Participants can choose two of the four workshops.

***Creating a culture of excellence to deliver value and restore joy and resiliency to the practice of medicine (1.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

9:15–10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11, Swan Ballroom 5

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

This program will explore the true meaning of patient experience and engagement and identify gaps that must be addressed to deliver patient-centered, team-based care. In addition, the program will explore how creating a culture of excellence impacts teamwork, safety, clinical outcomes, and efficiency. Finally, the program will analyze how creating a culture of excellence can, in addition to benefiting patients, physicians, and caregivers, produce a positive return on investment for the organization.

***Preparing for MACRA/Washington Update (0.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

1:45–2:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, Swan Ballroom 5

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

This session will provide an overview of the final MACRA rule and its impact on physicians. The session will also explore the AMA's ongoing dialogue with Administration officials and Congress to influence the implementation of the new rule and efforts to develop resources and tools that will enable physicians to succeed under the new payment systems.

***Predictive analytics: Harnessing the power (2.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

2:30–4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, Pelican Room at the Swan

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

Faculty Mark Briesacher, MD, SVP, Clinical Integration, Intermountain Healthcare, will describe how his organization is using predictive analytics to inform clinical practice. He will link predictive analytic tools to emerging “pay for value” models and demonstrate that an investment in predictive analytics provides positive returns to the clinicians and their patients. Following Dr Briesacher, two panelists will offer insights into initiatives and tools to help physician leaders harness the power of large amounts of health data.

Gun Violence: What do we know? What can physicians do? - Expanded version

7–9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, Swan Ballroom 3 in the Swan Tower

Hosted by the American Association of Public Health Physicians

Join nationally recognized speakers Camara Jones, MD, MPH, PhD, and Rex Archer MD, MPH, as they speak on what a comprehensive public health response to gun violence might look like and the components of a balanced solution. This will include looking at the social determinants of health including poverty and the social determinants of equity including racism. Dr Jones and Dr Archer will provide guidance for individual physicians and other health care professionals who wish to be part of the solution as they interact with their patients and their communities. Space is limited, so pre-registration is encouraged. For more information and to register, go to aaphp.org/gunviolencecmeama.

***Mentoring in medicine (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

8–9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, Swan Ballroom 5

Co-hosted by the AMA Organized Medical Staff Section (AMA-OMSS) and the AMA Young Physicians Section (AMA-YPS)

This program will explore the basic concepts of mentorship and identify keys to success for a fruitful mentor-mentee relationship. Drawing on their own experiences, a mentor and a mentee will share their successes and lessons learned in mentorship. Finally, participants will engage in group discussions around three specific types of mentoring: identifying and developing physician leaders, clinical mentorship, and general mentorship around professionalism and being a physician.

***Gun violence: What do we know? What can physicians do? (1.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

9–10:15 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, Southern Hemisphere 3 at the Dolphin

Co-hosted by the American Association of Public Health Physicians (AAPHP), the AMA Advisory Committee on LGBT Issues, the AMA Minority Affairs Section, the AMA Resident and Fellow Section, the AMA Senior Physicians Section, the AMA Women Physicians Section, and the AMA Young Physicians Section

This session will feature a presentation by Camara Jones, MD, PhD, MPH, president, American Public Health Association, and Rex Archer, MD, MPH, director of health, Kansas City, Missouri Public Health Department.

***Leading through effective communication (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

9:15–10:15 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, Swan Ballroom 5

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

This program will explore the link between effective communication and realizing your goals as a physician leader. Using case studies, the program will also discuss various communication styles and illustrate how a physician leader can most effectively engage and lead diverse groups of stakeholders.

***Engaging independent and employed physicians (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

10:30–11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, Swan Ballroom 5

Co-hosted by the AMA Integrated Physician Practice Section (AMA-IPPS) and the AMA Organized Medical Staff Section (AMA-OMSS)

This session will examine the importance of physician engagement. Additionally, using real-world examples and case scenarios, this program will provide guidance on how medical staff organizations—and, more broadly, hospitals and health systems—can engage and align both employed and independent physicians to improve patient care and health outcomes.

Clinical skills workshop

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, Atlantic Hall C at the Dolphin

Hosted by the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS)

A hands-on clinical skills workshop that will offer medical students an opportunity to practice essential clinical skills, such as suturing, blood pressure monitoring, splinting; ultrasound, and orthopedic skills. Volunteers are invited to help educate the next generation of physicians.

***Stay young, stay fit, avoid burnout (1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

Noon–1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, Americas Seminar Room at the Dolphin

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

This session will look at creating a more positive, strength-based approach for empowering physicians to take charge of their own health and find sources of support before burnout occurs.

The featured speakers are Robert L. Hatch, MD, professor, director of medical education, Department of Community Health and Family Medicine, University of Florida Medical School and Robert M. Wah, MD, faculty, reproductive endocrinology and obstetrics/gynecology at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and the National Institutes of Health, and former AMA president (2014–2015). The moderator is Barbara S. Schneidman, MD, MPH, chair, AMA-SPS Governing Council.

To recognize and support physician health at each stage of professional development, Dr Hatch will speak on how to ensure that physician wellness is not forgotten—either in academic medicine, with its focus on physicians in-training, or for physicians approaching semi-retirement and retirement. Separately, Dr Wah's presentation will address the AMA's recent policy on physician health that was established by the World Medical Association and developed during his year as AMA president.

Physician employment discussion group

12:30–1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, Swan Ballroom 5

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

This interactive session will explore various issues in physician employment, including evaluating an employment agreement, common contracting mistakes, negotiating with a potential employer, and more. An attorney with expertise in representing physicians will be on-hand to answer questions.

***Busharat Ahmad, MD, leadership development program (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

2–3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, Asia 4 at the Dolphin

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

Come and learn about Followership, the other face of leadership, featuring guest speaker Nestor Ramirez-Lopez, MD.

Stop the Bleed: Bleeding control for the injured skills course

2–4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, Swan Ballroom 8–9 in the Swan Tower

Hosted by the American College of Surgeons

Be among the first physicians to take a 2-hour national course that saves lives. The American College of Surgeons delegation to the AMA is sponsoring the nationally-recognized Stop the Bleed course that teaches skills to save lives in active shooter and mass casualty events. *Space is limited to 25 participants*, and pre-registration is required. There is no cost to participants. To pre-register, send an email with your name and contact information to Jon Sutton, Manager of State Affairs, American College of Surgeons, at jsutton@facs.org.

***Zika Virus: What Physicians Need to Know (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

3–4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, Northern Hemisphere A 1–2 at the Dolphin

Hosted by the Council on Science and Public Health

Join public health officials from the state and federal levels to hear the latest updates on Zika virus. A mosquito-borne flavivirus transmitted to humans primarily through the bite of an infected *Aedes* species mosquito, Zika is the first mosquito-borne virus associated with human birth defects or capable of sexual transmission. As public health officials learn more about the virus, clinical guidance continues to be updated. It is critical for physicians to be aware of the symptoms of Zika virus and to work with their state and local health departments to facilitate diagnostic laboratory testing. With local-transmission of Zika virus confirmed in South Florida, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued its first travel advisory for a city (Miami) in the continental United States. This educational session will provide an update on the epidemiological aspects of the current outbreak, describe efforts by public health agencies to prevent transmission, and explain the latest guidance for physician and their patients.

***Physician Aid in Dying (2.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

3–5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, Northern Hemisphere A 3–4 at the Dolphin

Hosted by the Ethics Group

This session will explore the ethical implications of physician aid in dying. Panelists will examine physicians' responsibilities in caring for patients at the end of life and address the ethics arguments that have been offered both in support of and opposition to physicians' taking an active role in ending life. Panelists will also consider the implications of a neutral perspective that would neither encourage nor prohibit active physician participation, but rather support allowing these decisions to be made individually by patients and their physicians.

Panelists include Marcia Angell, MD, Harvard University; Daniel Sulmasy, MD, PhD, University of Chicago; and Gregg VandeKieft, MD, MA, Regional Medical Director for Palliative Care, Providence Health and Services, Olympia, WA. Lynn Parry, MD, Colorado Medical Society will serve as moderator.

Upon completing the session, participants will be able to

- Summarize arguments for and against physician aid in dying
- Summarize arguments for and against a neutral stance regarding physician aid in dying
- Critically examine their own stance on physician aid in dying

***Litigation Center open meeting (2.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

3–5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, Northern Hemisphere E 1–2 at the Dolphin

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

A presentation will be made of how the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the AMA are working together in the courts to protect the medical profession against undue governmental interference. The Massachusetts Medical Society will recount how the Massachusetts Board of Medicine suspended the medical license of a Massachusetts physician for more than three years without allowing the physician an opportunity to defend himself—and what organized medicine did to assist this physician.

Updates will be provided on the lawsuits opposing the Anthem/Cigna and Aetna/Humana health insurance company mergers as well as the case challenging the Florida law limiting physician communications with their patients regarding possession of firearms

Human Trafficking

8–9:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, Northern Hemisphere E 3–4 at the Dolphin

Hosted by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

In 2011, an American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Committee Opinion noted: “Barriers to accurately assess the scope of [human trafficking] include the hidden nature of the problem, fear and cultural barriers, lack of awareness on the part of the public and public officials, the limited legal language related specifically to human trafficking, and the lack of adequate funding and training for those capable of identifying and assisting victims of human trafficking.” Providers across all disciplines may encounter trafficked individuals and this program will help provide strategies and tools to empower physicians to help survivors. A 2014 *Annals of Health Law* study found that nearly 88% of trafficking survivors had reported an encounter with a healthcare system *while they were being exploited*. The study revealed providers are “woefully unprepared” to identify victims of human trafficking.

In this workshop, you will hear from three speakers, two of whom are survivors: Connie Rose with Selah Freedom and Connie Rose Consulting, Erin Tracy, MD, with ACOG, and Holly Austin Gibbs with Dignity Health. The speakers will explain dynamics of human trafficking, medical red flags, and strategies to implement response protocols in healthcare systems.

Council on Legislation Open Forum

9–10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, Northern Hemisphere E 1–2 at the Dolphin

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. 14, Northern Hemisphere A 3–4 at the Dolphin

Hosted by the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs

Topics planned for discussion at the forum include the Ideal EHR and the Future of Predictive Analytics and the Patient-Physician Relationship. The full agenda for the Open Forum is available online at ama-assn.org/go/ceja. It provides additional information on these topics, as well as instructions on how to submit

testimony electronically. Written testimony submitted to the Council will be given the same consideration as oral testimony.

Following the session, participants will be able to

- Critically think about what elements of an EHR would be most useful to them
- Analyze how they can leverage specific elements of an EHR system to benefit their practice
- Describe how predictive analytics is being used in medicine
- Discuss how the patient-physician relationship might be impacted by the use of predictive analytics in medicine

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

***Surgical Caucus: The Hartford Consensus (1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™)**

10–11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, Northern Hemisphere E 3–4 at the Dolphin

Hosted by the Surgical Caucus

The Surgical Caucus is sponsoring “The Hartford Consensus: Strategies to Enhance Survival in Active Shooter and Intentional Mass Casualty Events.” The program will describe the core elements of the Hartford Consensus recommendations for responding to active shooter and mass casualty events; explain how the bleeding control course may help to increase survival of victims of mass casualty events; and examine the effectiveness of the trauma response to the Orlando Pulse nightclub shooting as shared by a trauma surgeon from Orlando Regional Medical Center.

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.

Exhibits

AMA Foundation booth

Stop by the [AMA Foundation](#) booth to learn how its charitable programs, focused on community health and medical student scholarships, are working to improve our nation’s health. Last year, thanks to its generous and loyal donors, the AMAF disbursed nearly \$1 million in medical scholarships, research grants, assistance to free clinics, and health education programs. You can join our community of physicians making a difference by [making a tax-deductible gift](#) to support high-impact public health and medical education initiatives, or sign up for a volunteer activity. All individuals who make a gift will be entered into a drawing, and the winner will be announced prior to the close of the meeting. Staff from the Foundation look forward to speaking with all meeting attendees. For additional information, please call (312) 464-4200 or check out the Foundation [online](#).

Special events

AMA Doctors Back to School™—Improving health outcomes together

You are invited to join the AMA Minority Affairs Section (AMA-MAS) and the AMA Medical Student Section (AMA-MSS) from 7:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Nov. 11. Volunteer physicians and medical students will share their passion for the profession, promote healthy lifestyles, and encourage minority students to consider careers in medicine by visiting a local high school. Roundtrip bus transportation provided from the main entrance of the Dolphin hotel.

AMA Research Symposium and networking reception

4–6 p.m. symposium | 6–8 p.m. networking. Friday, Nov. 11, Atlantic Hall B-C (Dolphin)

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)

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. 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 14th Annual AMA Research Symposium, find out more at ama-assn.org/go/symposium-registration.

CEJA reception for launch of modernized Code

The Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs invites meeting participants to a reception to mark the launch of the print edition of the modernized AMA *Code of Medical Ethics* from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 in Southern Hemisphere 2.

Catholic Mass

Presiding at Catholic Mass will be Fr Richard Trout, pastor of Corpus Christi parish in Celebration, Florida and chaplain to the physicians guild. He will celebrate Mass on Saturday evening, Nov 12, at 6:30 p.m. in Northern Hemisphere 4 in the Dolphin. All are welcome.

AMPAC Capitol Club luncheon

AMPAC's Capitol Club will host its annual Luncheon on Nov. 14, with featured speaker, Stu Rothenberg, a renowned political insider and commentator in Washington, DC and editor of the Rothenberg & Gonzales Political Report. With the Interim meeting coming on the heels of the 2016 election, this will highlight the outcome of the election season and the shape of the political landscape moving forward.

AMPAC's Capitol Club Platinum will also host a Platinum-only cocktail reception with Stu Rothenberg on Sunday, Nov. 13, Red White and Stu.

For more information on tickets to these events or how to become an AMPAC member please stop by the AMPAC booth.

Commemorative edition of the *Code of Medical Ethics*

The AMA Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs is honored to present a commemorative edition of the newly modernized *Code of Medical Ethics* to AMA President Andrew W. Gurman, MD, during the opening session. The new edition is a culmination of an 8-year project to review and modernize this authoritative resource. Information will be included in the not for official business bag, and attendees may review a sample copy and place an individual order at an information table near the ballroom.

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.)

All events are at the Dolphin Hotel unless the Swan Hotel is indicated, and events outside the resort are italicized. Activities offering continuing medical education credit are preceded by an asterisk (*).

Time	Event	Location†
Thursday, November 10		
5 p.m.	Deadline for not for official business bag	AMA production area in Dolphin
Friday, November 11		
7 a.m.–6 p.m.	Delegate registration	Dolphin Hotel Convention Foyer (lobby level)
7:30–noon	<i>AMA Doctors Back to School™</i>	<i>Meet at Dolphin main entry</i>
8–9 a.m.	*AMA-OMSS: Emerging issues in medical staff affairs	Swan Ballroom 5
8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	*AMA-IPPS: MACRA, Make it work, make it better	Swan - Pelican
9:15–10:30 a.m.	*AMA-OMSS: Creating a culture of excellence to deliver value and restore joy and resiliency to the practice of medicine	Swan Ballroom 5
1:45–2:45 p.m.	*AMA-OMSS: Preparing for MACRA/Washington Update	Swan Ballroom 5
2–5 p.m.	OSMAP	Southern Hemisphere 2
2:30–4 p.m.	Council on Medical Education: Integration of allopathic and osteopathic GME	Southern Hemisphere 5
2:30–4:30 p.m.	*AMA-IPPS: Predictive analytics: Harnessing the power	Swan - Pelican
5 p.m.	OSMAP reception	Southern Hemisphere 4
4–6 p.m.	14 th Annual Research Symposium	Atlantic B–C
6:30–8 p.m.	LGBTQA reception and education session	Swan - Osprey 1
7–9 p.m.	AAPHP: Gun Violence: What do we know? What can physicians do? - Expanded version	Swan Ballroom 3
Saturday, November 12		
7 a.m.–6 p.m.	Delegate registration	Dolphin Hotel Convention Foyer (lobby level)
7–9:30 a.m.	Surgical Caucus: Handbook review and meeting	Swan - Osprey 1
8–9 a.m.	*AMA-OMSS & AMA-YPS: Mentoring in medicine	Swan Ballroom 5
9–10 a.m.	*Multiple sponsors: Gun violence as a public health crisis	Southern Hemisphere 3
9:15–10:15 a.m.	*AMA-OMSS: Leading through effective communication	Swan Ballroom 5
10:30–11:30 a.m.	*AMA-OMSS & AMA-IPPS: Engaging independent and employed physicians	Swan Ballroom 5
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	LGBTQA Caucus and Handbook review	Swan - Osprey 1
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	AMA-MSS: Clinical skills workshop	Atlantic C
Noon–1:30 p.m.	*AMA-SPS: Stay young, stay fit, avoid burnout	Americas Seminar Room
12:30–1:30 p.m.	AMA-OMSS: Physician employment discussion group	Swan Ballroom 5
2–6 p.m.	AMA House of Delegates Opening Session (followed by MACRA Update)	Pacific A–B
~5:30–6:30 p.m.	CEJA reception for modernized Code (following HOD)	Southern Hemisphere 2
6:30 p.m.	Catholic Mass	Northern Hemisphere 4

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Time	Event	Location†
Sunday, November 13		
7 a.m.–6 p.m.	Delegate registration	Dolphin Hotel Convention Foyer (lobby level)
8–8:30 a.m.	AMA House of Delegates “Second Opening” Session	Pacific A–B
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws	Northern Hemisphere E3–4
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee B	Southern Hemisphere 2
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee C	Southern Hemisphere 4–5
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee F	Pacific A–B
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee J	Southern Hemisphere 3
8:30 a.m.–noon	Reference Committee K	Southern Hemisphere 1
1–3 p.m.	Private Practice Physician’s Congress	Southern Hemisphere 5
1–3:30 p.m.	Forum for Medical Affairs: Genomic engineering	Swan Ballroom 6
2–3 p.m.	*AMA-IMGS: Busharat Ahmad, MD, leadership development program	Asia 4
2–3:30 p.m.	Speaker to Speaker meeting	Europe 4
2–4 p.m.	American College of Surgeons: Bleeding control course	Swan Ballroom 8–9
3–4 p.m.	*Council on Science and Public Health: Zika Virus: What Physicians Need to Know	Northern Hemisphere A 1–2
3–5 p.m.	*Physician Aid in Dying	Northern Hemisphere A 3–4
3–5 p.m.	*Litigation Center	Northern Hemisphere E 1–2
5–6 p.m.	Obesity Caucus	Swan - Pelican 2
Monday, November 14		
7 a.m.–6 p.m.	Delegate registration	Dolphin Hotel Convention Foyer (lobby level)
8–9:30 a.m.	Human Trafficking	Northern Hemisphere E 3–4
9–10 a.m.	Council on Legislation Open Forum	Northern Hemisphere E 1–2
9:30–11 a.m.	*CEJA Open Forum	Northern Hemisphere A 3–4
9:30–11 a.m.	Academic Medicine Caucus	Swan Ballroom 1
10–11 a.m.	*Surgical Caucus: The Hartford Consensus	Northern Hemisphere E 3–4
2–6 p.m.	House of Delegates Business Session	Pacific A–B
Tuesday, November 15		
7 a.m.–noon	Delegate registration	Dolphin Hotel Convention Foyer (lobby level)
8:30 a.m.–noon	House of Delegates Business Session	Pacific A–B

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