



# Speakers' Letter

**2024 Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates**

**November 8-12, 2024**

**Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort, Orlando, Florida**

HOD Attendees:

We look forward to seeing all of you and are providing the following information to aid in your planning for the upcoming Interim Meeting in Orlando. We particularly want to highlight a few important items for this meeting:

- **Online Reference Committees (ORCs)** – The ORCs are now open, and AMA members are urged to provide comments. Unlike the prior online forums, testimony in the ORCs will inform the reference committees' recommendations in their Preliminary Reference Committee Report. A robust discussion is needed to develop these recommendations.
- **Preliminary Reference Committee Reports** – Following the close of the ORCs your reference committees will create a preliminary report with recommendations for all on-time items of business.
- **Change in schedule of House of Delegates meetings** – Board of Trustees Report 16-I-24 discusses the Board's actions to reduce costs of the HOD meetings including shortening future HOD meetings by one day beginning with the 2025 Annual Meeting. The tentative schedule for A-25 is included under the "Future Meeting Planning" section for your awareness.

Previous communications from your Speakers are on the AMA website at [2024 Interim Meeting of the HOD: Speakers' updates overview](#). If you have questions regarding any of the following items or questions on American Medical Association (AMA) policy, please visit [Interim Meeting of the AMA House Delegates](#), send an email to [hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org) or call 312.464.4463.

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## House of Delegates schedule

The 2024 Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates (HOD) will meet November 8-12 at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort, Orlando, Florida. The AMA-HOD will convene at 6:00 pm ET, Friday, November 8 in Pacific AB (Dolphin, Ground Level), and your Speakers ask that delegates be seated by 5:50 pm.

On Saturday, November 9, the “Second Opening” of the AMA-HOD will be in session beginning at 12:30 pm ET to receive items of business for this Interim Meeting. The agenda will include consideration of the report of the Resolution Committee, late resolutions, and extraction of informational reports.

*NOTE: A reaffirmation calendar will no longer be developed for consideration at the “Second Opening.” Policies that could be reaffirmed in lieu of submitted resolutions are posted on the ORCs.*

In-person reference committee hearings will begin at 1:00 pm ET, or 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Second Opening and are scheduled to conclude by 6:00 pm ET. All six reference committees will meet concurrently on Saturday afternoon. The locations for Reference Committee Hearings at I-24 are as follows:

	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Saturday, November 9, 1:00 pm</b>		
Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws		Southern Hemisphere Salon II
Reference committee B	Legislation	Northern Hemisphere Salon D
Reference committee C	Medical Education	Southern Hemisphere Salon I
Reference committee F	AMA Finance & Governance	Pacific AB
Reference committee J	Medical Practice	Southern Hemisphere Salon III
Reference committee K	Public Health	Southern Hemisphere Salon IV/V

Consideration of the Final Reference Committee Reports will begin at 10:00 am ET on Monday, November 11. The Business Session will resume on Tuesday, November 12 at 8:00 am ET. Please schedule departures for late afternoon on Tuesday so that the business debated that day receives full consideration.

## Business of the House

### HOD DELEGATE HANDBOOK

The handbook is posted on the [Interim Meeting website](#) as a single large document as well as in a set of smaller documents collated by reference committee. An abridged handbook containing only the recommendations from reports and the resolve clauses from resolutions is also available as an Open Document Spreadsheet. There will NOT be an addendum, and no additional draft resolutions will be posted. All late resolutions (those received after the September 24 on-time deadline) and AMA Section excepted resolutions, will be distributed in the Meeting Tote at the Interim Meeting on **Saturday, November 9, 2024**.

Late resolutions will be reviewed by the Committee on Rules and Credentials and will be recommended for consideration based on the reason for submission beyond the deadline and the urgency of the issue (i.e., cannot wait until the next meeting). Acceptance for consideration requires a two third majority vote by the House. Urgent resolutions adopted by your group after the on-time deadline should be submitted to the HOD Affairs Office as soon as possible.

### ONLINE REFERENCE COMMITTEES

The I-24 Online Reference Committee (ORCs) opened Friday, October 4, 2024, and **will remain open until 5:00 pm CT on Friday, October 25, 2024**. The ORCs may be accessed directly at the [ORC Homepage](#) or via the [Interim Meeting website](#). Your Speakers encourage the use of the ORCs to provide testimony, suggest

amendments or offer other background information for each item of business. Note that current policies that could be reaffirmed in lieu of submitted resolutions have been posted on the ORCs. Discussion regarding the merits of reaffirmation will take place on the ORCs and a reaffirmation calendar will not be developed. **Authors of resolutions and reports who have not yet commented are urged to do so as soon as possible.**

### **PRELIMINARY REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Comments submitted to the ORCs will inform the reference committees in generating a Preliminary Reference Committee Report which will contain **recommendations on all items on the ORCs**. The preliminary report will be the agenda and the starting point for the in-person Reference Committee Hearings at I-24. As of this writing, limited testimony has been offered on the ORCs. **It is imperative that there be vigorous discussion on the ORCs to guide the reference committees in making their preliminary recommendations.** Reference committees' preliminary reports will be posted by **Monday, November 4 at 5 pm CT**.

### **IN-PERSON REFERENCE COMMITTEE HEARINGS**

The in-person reference committee hearings will begin at 1:00 pm ET, or 15 minutes after the conclusion of the Second Opening. The order of the agenda for the in-person hearings will follow the recommendation categories listed below. As is customary, authors will be given the opportunity to speak first and will be asked to comment briefly on the item of business and whether they concur with the reference committee's recommendations. It is not necessary to repeat testimony during the in-person hearing that was provided in the ORCs as comments provided in either forum will receive equal consideration.

- Recommended for adoption
- Recommended for adoption as amended
- Recommended for adoption in lieu of
- Recommended for referral
- Recommended for referral for decision
- Recommended for not adoption
- Recommended for reaffirmation in lieu of
- Recommendation not yet determined
  - AMA Section excepted resolutions recommended for consideration
  - *Late resolutions\**
- Recommended against consideration
  - *On-time resolutions recommended against consideration for an Interim Meeting\**
  - *AMA Section excepted resolutions recommended again consideration\**

*\* These items will be listed in italics on the in-person hearing agenda in the Meeting Tote. Any changes to their status during the Second Opening on Saturday will be announced at the in-person hearing.*

## **Meeting registration**

### **Registration**

All attendees of the House and Section meetings must [register online](#). Registration for the House and all Sections meetings is completed on this same site. You must personally register to attest for yourself and your guests to the Code of Conduct for the meeting.

The House of Delegates Registration Desk will be in Atlantic B (Dolphin, Lower Level). For security purposes, all attendees will be required to provide photo identification at the AMA Registration Desk to receive their credentials and other materials. Registration will open at 7:00 am ET daily beginning Thursday, November 7 through Tuesday, November 12.

Attendees will receive one badge that will be used for all Section and HOD meetings. **Only approved ribbons may be attached to the badge** and no other ribbons, pins, or any other paraphernalia may be placed on your badge. The badge will include security features that must be visible for you to enter all meeting areas.

AMA bylaws require that all delegates and alternate delegates must be credentialed by the society that they will represent before each meeting. Delegates and alternate delegates should confirm this with their sponsoring society well ahead of their arrival in Orlando. 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 to register. Delegates and alternate delegates must personally register through CVENT for each meeting. Please note that these are unique processes and that sponsoring societies should not attempt to register delegation members.

Discount tickets on select airlines and at Disney and Universal parks are available for meeting attendees. Please visit the [hotel and travel webpage](#) for additional details and instructions.

### **Accommodations for the meeting**

Delegates and alternate delegates may request special accommodations (e.g., an assistive listening device) by contacting the Office of House of Delegate Affairs by email at [hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org) or phone 312.464.4344. This includes accommodations for religious observance such as for Sabbath.

### **Assistance during HOD Meeting**

Should you need any assistance during the HOD meeting, the AMA Unified Service Center will be available. You may call 800-337-1599 or email at [HODMeetingSupport@ama-assn.org](mailto:HODMeetingSupport@ama-assn.org).

### **CampAMA**

Our AMA will provide childcare service, but to ensure sufficient, qualified help, parents must make a reservation by October 31. Drop-ins will not be accepted. Children who are at least 6 months old are eligible for this service. The vendor, Accent on Children, is fully licensed, and caregivers have considerable experience in working with children. Staff to child ratios range from 1:2 for infants to 1:8 for school-age children. Staff will not administer medication and any child who is ill will not be admitted to the center. Meals are not included in the program but can be ordered during registration.

## **Meeting Details and Reminders**

### **Hurricane Preparedness**

In light of recent weather events, your Speakers want meeting attendees to know the AMA has developed a hurricane preparedness plan that will inform activities leading up to and during the Interim 2024 meetings of the House of Delegates. The plan encompasses the possibility of hurricane activity prior to and during the meeting. We know that hurricane activity could impact travel to and/or from the meeting, and the AMA will also take this into consideration. In the coming weeks, the AMA will monitor weather conditions and will be in close, regular contact with the resort for any updates. Additional information will be provided to House of Delegates members if warranted.

### **Disaster Recovery Program**

The recent hurricanes have caused considerable damage and led to significant recovery efforts across the Gulf coast and eastern seaboard of the U.S. Our AMA is thinking about our physician colleagues, their families and practices as they cope with these events. Your AMA Foundation would like to encourage individuals to donate to its Disaster Recovery Program. It is specifically designed to help individuals impacted by disasters with medically related aid: medications, emergency first-aid stations, provision of other essential medical supplies, etc, and/or assist physicians to rebuild practices in the impacted area. If you wish to donate to the fund, you may

do so [here](#) by selecting “disaster recovery fund” from the dropdown box. For more information on the program or to discuss funding opportunities, please reach out to Sandi Smith at [sandi.smith@ama-assn.org](mailto:sandi.smith@ama-assn.org).

### **Code of Conduct**

Our AMA has a robust code of conduct for AMA-sponsored meetings to ensure a professional and ethical environment for all attendees. Everyone should feel safe and able to participate without fear of unwelcome conduct or harassment. Attendees should conduct themselves in a manner that comports with the highest ideals of the profession. As a condition of attending any meeting all attendees must agree to adhere to this Code of Conduct as part of the registration process. The Code of Conduct extends beyond formal sessions to include all dinners, receptions, and social gatherings held in conjunction with AMA-hosted meetings. AMA policy and further details regarding the Code of Conduct can be found at [ama-assn.org/codeofconduct](http://ama-assn.org/codeofconduct).

Our standing rules, which are ratified in the Opening Session, commit each of us to be courteous, respectful, and collegial in the conduct of HOD business. Everyone has the personal responsibility, while engaging with others, to consider how others will interpret their actions and words. Our AMA has zero tolerance for any type of harassment of any attendee of an AMA hosted meeting, event or other activity. This includes interactions between members and AMA staff.

The Office of General Counsel appointed Lauren Robinson (Senior Assistant General Counsel, [lauren.robinson@ama-assn.org](mailto:lauren.robinson@ama-assn.org)) as the Conduct Liaison for this meeting. The Conduct Liaison receives reports of alleged policy violations, conducts investigations, and initiates both immediate and longer-term consequences for such violations. Alternatively, violations may be brought to the attention of the presiding officer or reported using a third party reporting hotline (800-398-1496 and [online](#)).

The following links to AMA Edhub training courses may be accessed at your convenience:

- [Harassment in Professional Settings](#)
- [Addressing Harassment at Meetings and Events](#)

### **Conflict-of-interest policy**

Immediately prior to testifying before the House or a reference committee, every individual must publicly disclose their actual or potential conflicts of interest, if any. A disclosable “conflict of interest” is an interest that is or may be material to the matter being considered and that would reasonably be expected to impair the objectivity of the individual who is testifying. Conflicts of interest, however, do not include an interest that results solely from the fact the testifying individual is a physician or medical student, in recognition that most testifying individuals have the same interest. When in doubt as to whether a conflict of interest exists or is disclosable, your Speakers recommend that individuals err on the side of caution and disclose any actual or potential conflicts to preserve the integrity of our process.

Upon disclosure of any conflicts of interest, an individual may testify without encumbrance. A delegate who thinks or knows that a testifying individual has an undisclosed actual or potential conflict of interest may ask the Speakers of the House or the chair of the reference committee, as applicable, to have the testifying individual disclose their conflict. The Speakers or the chair, as applicable, have sole discretion to decide all matters related to the appropriate disclosure and management of conflicts of interests before the House or reference committee, respectively. The Speakers and reference committee chairs may consult the Office of General Counsel and appropriate others as needed to decide the matter.

This guidance also applies to resolutions introduced by delegations. The sponsoring delegation must disclose the identity of any delegate or alternate delegate who has a conflict of 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 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.

## **HOD Reference Manual**

The [\*House of Delegates Reference Manual: Procedures, Policies and Practices\*](#) provides comprehensive information about the AMA's policy development process. It describes AMA-HOD procedures and may be especially helpful to new delegates, but it is a good reference for all meeting participants. The manual acts as our Standing Rules for House of Delegates meetings.

## **Mentorship and financial support**

Medical students and residents/fellows are an integral part of our AMA and their voices are critical to our deliberative process. The integration of students and residents into the formalized state and specialty delegations provides valuable mentorship to and continued participation from these important members of our House. Our HOD has a historical commitment to supporting our student and resident/fellow delegates and alternate delegates. Delegations are encouraged to continue the financial support and active involvement of these members in their caucuses.

## **Live streaming for I-24**

All business sessions and reference committee hearings at the 2024 Interim Meeting will be streamed live. Links will be posted on the meeting website. To join the session being live streamed, you will be asked to provide your name, email and organization. No recordings (audio or visual) or broadcasting of any portion of the House of Delegates meeting may be made without prior written consent of the AMA.

## **Recording of AMA-HOD meetings**

Proceedings of AMA meetings may be recorded by audiotape, videotape or otherwise, by the AMA for the sole use of 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.

## **Media Presence and Protocols**

Delegates must be aware that members of the media attend AMA meetings and that discussions in Reference Committee and on the HOD floor are considered on the record and may be reported by the media. Additionally, attendees are advised that there are established media and spokesperson criteria for our AMA, and, as such, **delegates, alternate delegates, AMA Section members, elected and appointed leaders may speak in their individual capacity and affiliations only; they do not speak on behalf of the AMA and should never represent themselves as speaking on behalf of the AMA.**

While AMA Enterprise Communications works to ensure only credentialed members of the media attend AMA meetings, delegates should be aware that uncredentialed persons associated with non-traditional media, unscientific, or political entities may attempt to attend events during and adjacent to AMA meetings. When discussing issues/policy, the AMA, or the meeting, we encourage you to be cognizant of to whom you're speaking, what you're saying, and your surroundings as smart phones give virtually everyone the ability to record conversations. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Justin DeJong in AMA Enterprise Communications at [justin.dejong@ama-assn.org](mailto:justin.dejong@ama-assn.org). Media inquiries should be directed to [media@ama-assn.org](mailto:media@ama-assn.org).

## **Proceedings of the June 2024 Annual Meeting**

The draft of the *Proceedings of the House of Delegates* for this past June's Annual Meeting will be posted on the [AMA website](#). Approval of the minutes from A-24 is an action item at I-24. [PolicyFinder](#) has been updated to reflect actions from the meeting as captured in the *Proceedings*.

## **Meeting attire**

Your Speakers have determined that business casual dress is appropriate for the Interim Meeting. Business attire is expected for those seated on a dais. Your Speakers note that Mickey ears are appropriate accessories for I-24.

## **Registry of retiring delegates and retiring medical executives**

A registry of delegates and alternate delegates who are retiring from the House and medical society executives who are retiring will be recognized during the meeting. Names may be faxed to 312.464.4505 or emailed to

[hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org) prior to Monday, November 4. Otherwise, please provide names to the Headquarters Office in the Walt Disney World Dolphin Resort by noon on Sunday, November 10.

## Future Meeting Planning

### Announcements of candidacy for 2025 elections

Individuals who intend to seek election at the 2025 Annual Meeting must submit an electronic announcement to the House of Delegates Office ([hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org)) before **noon, Sunday, November 10, 2024**.

Announcements will be projected on the last day of the meeting.

### 2025 Annual Meeting planning

As a result of the Board of Trustees' action to reduce our House of Delegates meetings by one day, the 2025 Annual Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago, IL, June 6-10, 2025. The tentative schedule is provided so that A-25 plans may be considered at I-24. Note that Saturday morning will no longer be open for delegation and caucus meetings and that the Election Session will be Monday morning. Only required forums and education sessions will be offered on Sunday morning allowing for delegation/caucus meeting time.

### A-25 HOD Tentative Schedule

*\*bolded items are HOD activities and may not have conflicting programming*

#### Friday, June 6, 2025

AMA Section Programing

**6 pm HOD Opening Session-nominations will close**

**Immediately following - Presidential Debate**

#### Saturday, June 7, 2025

**8 am HOD Second Opening**

**Immediately following - 1 pm Ref Com**

**2 - 6 pm Ref Com**

**7 - 9 pm All Candidate Reception**

#### Sunday, June 8, 2025

8 am - 12 pm Open Forums/Educational Sessions

**1 - 6 pm HOD Business Session**

#### Monday, June 9, 2025

**8 am Election Session**

**Immediately Following - 3 pm HOD Business Session**

**5 pm Inauguration/Reception**

#### Tuesday, June 10, 2025

**8 am - 12 pm HOD Business Session**

### A-26 Group Endorsements

The deadline has now passed for groups to submit information about their intent to endorse candidates for the A-26 election cycle. The official list of endorsing groups is posted on the [AMA Elections Endorsement Information webpage](#). A-26 candidates may not be endorsed by a group that is not on this posted list. Interested eligible candidates are responsible for contacting groups to participate in their endorsement process.

#### A-26 Endorsement Window:

- *Friday, November 8, 2024, at 6 am Eastern - Endorsement Window opens*
- *Friday, June 6, 2025, at 5 pm Central - Endorsement Window closes*

## Section Meetings

### Section meetings

The [2024 Interim Section meetings](#) will be held November 7-8 at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort in Orlando, Florida. Visit each Section's meeting page for agendas and other meeting documents.

- [Academic Physicians Section](#) (APS)
- [LGBTQ+ Section](#) (LGBTQ+)
- [Integrated Physician Practice Section](#) (IPPS)
- [International Medical Graduates Section](#) (IMGS)
- [Medical Student Section](#) (MSS)
- [Minority Affairs Section](#) (MAS)
- [Organized Medical Staff Section](#) (OMSS)
- [Private Practice Physicians Section](#) (PPPS)
- [Resident and Fellow Section](#) (RFS)
- [Senior Physicians Section](#) (SPS)
- [Women Physicians Section](#) (WPS)
- [Young Physicians Section](#) (YPS)

### Caucuses

A listing of all caucus meetings can be found on the AMA meeting app which will be live at the meeting. A CVENT invite with instructions will be sent out the week of the meeting and instructions will be included on the HOD meeting page.

## Educational programming and open forums

The AMA and the AMA sections and special groups invite all meeting participants to attend the **education sessions** offered from Thursday, November 7, 2024, through Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

Visit the AMA Ed Hub™ booth located near the Pacific Hall Foyer, Walt Disney World Dolphin Convention Hall, where staff can assist you **claiming CME credits**, navigating the site and answering any questions you may have.

You now no longer need a session code to claim credit for the AMA educational sessions offered during the interim meeting. Just visit [amaedhub.org/interim24](https://amaedhub.org/interim24), log in with your AMA account (or [create one for free](#)), select the appropriate session and take the CME quiz.

**The deadline to claim credit for sessions certified by the AMA is December 31, 2024, at 11:59 pm. CST.**

Explore more ways to earn CME on the [AMA Ed Hub](#), providing online learning from the AMA and many trusted sources – all in one place.

### [AMA CME Accreditation Information](#)

Sessions designated for CME credits are indicated by an asterisk (\*).



### **Speakers' Open Forum**

**Sunday, November 10, 9:00 – 10:00 am ET**

**Pacific AB (Dolphin, Ground Level)**

A Speakers' Open Forum will be held at I-24. Speakers will discuss plans for A-25, the Online Reference Committee process, and the endorsement process. Additional topic suggestions may be sent to [hod@ama-assn.org](mailto:hod@ama-assn.org); all ideas are welcome.

### **Medicare Payment Reform Open Forum**

**Sunday, November 10, 10:00 – 11:00 am ET**

**Pacific AB (Dolphin, Ground Level)**

This open forum will include updates from the AMA Board of Trustees as well as AMA lobby and grassroots staff on the current state of Medicare payment reform including AMA goals in the lame duck congressional session and in the new congress in 2025. Participants will also be given time to speak about their work to advance Medicare payment reform through their state medical association or national medical specialty society.

### **Informational Session on the Task Force to Preserve the Patient-Physician Relationship**

**Program hosted by AMA's Task Force to Preserve the Patient-Physician Relationship**

**Sunday, November 10, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm ET**

**Pacific AB (Dolphin, Ground Level)**

Since the 2022 Supreme Court's ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, nearly half the states have enacted bans or severe restrictions on abortion and other reproductive healthcare. The patchwork legislative landscape has led to considerable uncertainty and harm for physicians and their patients, and impacted numerous aspects of medical practice, including medical education, public health, and practice management. In response to the Supreme Court's landmark decision and the subsequent state legislation and at the direction of the House of Delegates, the AMA Board of Trustees formed the Task Force to Preserve the Patient-Physician Relationship When Evidence-Based, Appropriate Care Is Banned or Restricted (Task Force) to help guide organized medicine's response to bans and restrictions on abortion and criminalization of other evidence-based care. Please join the Task Force at this informational session and open forum for a briefing on the Task Force's activities to date. In addition, to elevate important voices that are not members of the Task Force, the Task Force invites AMA delegates, alternate delegates, representatives from AMA Sections, and other interested individuals to share their perspectives on the issues being considered by the Task Force.

### **COL Open Forum**

**Sponsor: Council on Legislation**

**Sunday, November 10, 1:00 – 2:00 pm ET**

**Northern Hemisphere A3/4 (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)**

Hear from the Council on Legislation's Executive Committee how our AMA is working to protect the interests of physicians and our patients through its federal and state advocacy efforts. This forum is intended to provide HOD attendees the opportunity to share feedback with the Council and others in the room on emerging federal and state legislative and regulatory issues impacting patients and the practice of medicine.

### **\*Scalpel and Strategy: Unveiling the Impact of Private Equity in Surgical Advancement and Current Practice**

**Sponsor: Surgical Caucus**

**Sunday, November 10, 1:30 – 2:30 pm ET**

**Northern Hemisphere A2 (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)**

*CME credit is offered through the American College of Surgeons*

This talk will delve into the intersection of private equity and surgical practice, exploring the evolving landscape of investment in healthcare. From potential benefits to pitfalls, we'll discuss how surgeons can strategically approach partnerships with private equity firms while maintaining focus on patient care and professional integrity.

## **CEJA Open Forum**

### **Evolving the AMA Code to Speak to Health Care Organizations**

**Sponsor: Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs**

**Sunday, November 10, 2:00 – 3:30 pm ET**

**Northern Hemisphere A1 (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)**

While the Code remains focused on the ethical duties of physicians, today's practitioners interact with many health care-related organizations, whether they be hospitals, insurers, or pharmaceutical companies. One major structural change in the practice environment is that most physicians are no longer self-employed (or their own bosses) and are now employees of hospitals, group practices, or other corporate entities. For the Code to serve its purpose in this rapidly changing environment, its Ethical Opinions have to speak to how health care organizations can and should support physicians in meeting their ethical obligations to patients or what can be called "health system ethics." As the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs (CEJA) considers how the AMA Code of Medical Ethics can begin to provide ethics guidance to health care organizations regarding how they can support physicians in upholding their ethical obligations to patients, they are seeking input from stakeholders within the health care system regarding how this change to the Code of Medical Ethics will affect organizations within the health system.

## **Litigation Center Open Meeting**

**Sunday, November 10, 3:00 – 5:00 pm ET**

**Northern Hemisphere A3/4 (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)**

The audience will learn about how AMA policies are advanced in the judicial system, including successes and failures. It will learn about litigation strategies going forward and why the cases have developed as they have. Featured cases will include a scope of practice lawsuit in West Virginia and a managed care case in Illinois.

## **Lung Cancer Screening - From Early Detection to Management**

**Sponsor: Radiology Section Council**

**Sunday, November 10, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET**

**Northern Hemisphere A2 (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)**

A multidisciplinary panel-based discussion exploring a patient-centered approach to lung cancer screening, diagnosis, and treatment. Emphasis will be placed on the utility of screening, shared decision making, and challenges to institutional uptake and patient outreach, including in underserved and minoritized populations. This program, aimed at all providers across the care continuum, aims to expose physicians to an underutilized, US Preventive Services Task Force recommended tool for the health of many patients.

## **Special events**

### **Register for the AMA Research Challenge Virtual Semi-Finals and Poster Symposium Event: Score Posters & Learn How to Elevate Your Research Skills**

Join us for the AMA Research Challenge virtual poster symposium and semifinals Nov. 7-9. Explore research in a variety of topics and specialties, and score posters to help decide the five finalists who will compete for a \$10,000 grand prize. Register now: [www.ama-assn.org/research-challenge](http://www.ama-assn.org/research-challenge)

### **OSMAP Membership Meeting and General Session**

**Friday, November 8, 2:00 - 4:30 pm**

**Northern Hemisphere E1/2 (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)**

The Organization of State Medical Association Presidents (OSMAP) will hold its semi-annual Membership Meeting and General Session on Friday, November 8, 2024, from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm, at the Walt Disney World Resort, Dolphin Hotel.

The featured program will be: **“Medical Societies Thriving Through Innovative Change.”** A panel of state medical society leaders will share how their societies have adapted to the changing health care environment to not only sustain relevancy, but to make their organizations more attractive to members.

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 emailed to all state medical societies and posted on the OSMAP website ([www.osmapandtheforum.org](http://www.osmapandtheforum.org)) prior to the meeting.

A reception will immediately follow the program from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. in Northern Hemisphere Salon E-3. All OSMAP Members and their invited guests are welcome to attend. *The reception is sponsored by The Physicians Foundation.*

### **In-Person AMA Research Challenge and Poster Showcase**

**Friday, November 8, 3:00 - 5:00 pm ET**

**Atlantic Ballroom C (Dolphin, Lower Level)**

New this year, we are featuring the AMA Research Challenge in conjunction with the Poster Showcase. The event will include a display of the 2024 Research Challenge Semifinalist posters, plus, over 150 medical students, residents, and IMGs presenting their research.

We will also be debuting the Sections Showcase, where attendees can connect with members from the 12 AMA interest-based groups that offer the opportunity to shape AMA policy, increase relevant knowledge and skills, and interact with peers with similar interests or backgrounds.

This event will feature a welcome address from AMA President, Dr. Bruce Scott and other special guests.

### **Catholic Mass**

**Saturday, November 9, 6:30 pm**

**Northern Hemisphere A1 (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)**

Please join us to celebrate Catholic Mass at I-24.

### **AMA Foundation VIP Donor Reception**

**Sunday, November 10, 5:00 – 6:30 pm ET**

**Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin Resort**

Attend an invite-only reception hosted by the AMA Foundation in honor and celebration of the generous donors who make our work possible. Support to the foundation advances medical education and leadership, promotes health equity and reduces disparities, and expands impactful partnerships with stakeholders to empower communities for better access to care.

If you would like to join your fellow delegates and attend this special event, make a [gift online](#), stop by the foundation’s booth or text AMAF2024 to 41444. Please email [Kamel.Freeman@ama-assn.org](mailto:Kamel.Freeman@ama-assn.org) to RSVP or for additional information.

### **AMPAC’s Capitol Club Lunch**

**Monday, November 11, 12:30 pm ET**

The American Medical Association Political Action Committee (AMPAC) is the bipartisan political action committee of the AMA and plays a vital role in electing champions who advocate for medicine and are running for federal office. During the Interim Meeting of the House of Delegates in November, AMPAC will host a Capitol Club lunch exclusively for 2024 Capitol Club members. All current 2024 Capitol Club members will receive an invitation to attend this member-only event on Monday, November 11 at 12:30 pm with a special guest speaker to be announced.

*No RSVP is required to attend the Capitol Club luncheon event, but please note that this is a ticketed event, and you will need to pick up your ticket at AMPAC’s booth.* If you are unsure whether you have renewed

your Capitol Club membership for 2024, you can verify your membership status by emailing by [anne-wesley.teague@ama-assn.org](mailto:anne-wesley.teague@ama-assn.org) or by visiting AMPAC's booth during the Annual Meeting. You can also contribute by visiting [www.ampaonline.org](http://www.ampaonline.org)

## **Exhibits**

### **AMA Foundation Booth**

Visit the AMA Foundation booth to learn how your donations are building the future of health care and advancing our current priority investment areas. As the charitable arm of the AMA, the foundation is committed to fostering the physician community through initiatives aligned with the AMA's strategic arcs. These advance medical education and leadership, promote health equity and reduce disparities, and expand impactful partnerships with stakeholders to empower communities for better access to care.

Support the AMA Foundation mission and work by making a gift online, visiting the exhibition booth, or text AMAF2024 to 41444. Your donation will earn you a name badge ribbon and I-24 swag. VIP Donors receive a limited-edition lapel pin and access to the members' lounge. Email [Carie.Lovstad@ama-assn.org](mailto:Carie.Lovstad@ama-assn.org) to learn about VIP Donor benefits and additional information.

Interested in serving as a mentor to a student involved in our Leadership Development Institute? Stop by our booth or [complete our volunteer interest form](#).

### **AMA Member Center**

Visit the Member Center Booth and pick up your gift! Located in Pacific Ballroom C starting Friday, November 8, through Tuesday, November 12, join us to:

- Snap a selfie and share your meeting experience with your network!
- Learn about the recent AMA wins and actions you can take to help.
- Pick up a gift, plus other special surprises!



**The following list is provided for your convenience.  
All items mentioned in the *Speakers' Letter* are included.  
(Items listed in bold are official AMA-HOD sessions, reference committees or programs.)**

Time (ET)	Event	Location
<b>Thursday, November 7</b>		
7 am-6 pm	Registration	Atlantic B (Dolphin, Lower Level)
<b>Friday, November 8</b>		
7 am-6 pm	Registration	Atlantic B (Dolphin, Lower Level)
2-4:30 pm	OSMAP Membership Meeting and General Session	Northern Hemisphere E1/2 (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)
3-5 pm	In-Person AMA Research Challenge and Poster Showcase	Atlantic Ballroom C (Dolphin, Lower Level)
4:30 – 5:30 pm	OPMAP Reception	Northern Hemisphere E3
<b>6 pm</b>	<b>HOD Opening Session</b>	<b>Pacific AB (Dolphin, Ground Level)</b>
<b>Saturday, November 9</b>		
7 am-6 pm	Registration	Atlantic B (Dolphin, Lower Level)
<b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>HOD second session</b>	<b>Pacific AB (Dolphin, Ground Level)</b>
<b>1:00-6:00 pm</b>	<b>Reference Committee on Amendments to Constitution &amp; Bylaws</b>	<b>Southern Hemisphere Salon II (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)</b>
<b>1:00-6:00 pm</b>	<b>Reference Committee B</b>	<b>Northern Hemisphere Salon D (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)</b>
<b>1:00-6:00 pm</b>	<b>Reference Committee C</b>	<b>Southern Hemisphere Salon I (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)</b>
<b>1:00-6:00 pm</b>	<b>Reference Committee F</b>	<b>Pacific AB (Dolphin, Ground Level)</b>
<b>1:00-6:00 pm</b>	<b>Reference Committee J</b>	<b>Southern Hemisphere Salon III (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)</b>
<b>1:00-6:00 pm</b>	<b>Reference Committee K</b>	<b>Southern Hemisphere IV/V (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)</b>
6:30 pm	Catholic Mass	Northern Hemisphere A1 (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)
<b>Sunday, November 10</b>		
7 am-4 pm	Registration	Atlantic B (Dolphin, Lower Level)
9-10 am	Speakers' Open Forum	Pacific AB (Dolphin, Ground Level)
10-11 am	Medicare Payment Reform Open Forum	Pacific AB (Dolphin, Ground Level)
11 – 12 pm	Informational Session on the Task force to Preserve the Patient-Physician Relationship	Pacific AB (Dolphin, Ground Level)
1 – 2 pm	COL Open Forum	Northern Hemisphere A3/4 (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)

<b>Time (ET)</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
1:30 – 2:30 pm	*Scalpel and Strategy: Unveiling the Impact of Private Equity in Surgical Advancement and Current Practice	Northern Hemisphere A2 (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)
2 – 3:30 pm	CEJA Open Forum – Evolving the AMA Code to Speak to Health Care Organizations	Northern Hemisphere A1 (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)
3 – 5 pm	Litigation Center Open Meeting	Northern Hemisphere A3/4 (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)
3 – 4 pm	Lung Cancer Screening – From Early Detection to Management	Northern Hemisphere A2 (Dolphin, Fifth Floor)
5 – 6:30 pm	AMA Foundation VIP Donor Reception	TBD
<b>Monday, November 11</b>		
7 am-6 pm	Registration	Atlantic B (Dolphin, Lower Level)
<b>10 am-12:30 pm</b>	<b>HOD business session</b>	<b>Pacific AB (Dolphin, Ground Level)</b>
12:30 pm	AMPAC Capitol Club Lunch	Included in invite sent to Capitol Club Members
<b>2-6 pm</b>	<b>HOD business session</b>	<b>Pacific AB (Dolphin, Ground Level)</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 12</b>		
7 am	Registration	Atlantic B (Dolphin, Lower Level)
<b>8 am</b>	<b>HOD business session</b>	<b>Pacific AB (Dolphin, Ground Level)</b>