GET INVOLVED.
Make the most of your membership by getting active. Consider joining a committee to work on specific areas of interest to you, or pursue leadership opportunities within your local society and the TMA. And be sure to reach out to key TMA staff for assistance. Active participation will ensure you get the most out of your membership.

**MAIN EVENTS**

**Day on the Hill**  
Legislative Plaza in Nashville  
[tnmed.org/dayonthehill](http://tnmed.org/dayonthehill)

TMA’s annual policy briefing and lobby day in Nashville connects physicians directly with lawmakers so they can advocate for their patients and discuss major issues affecting the medical profession.

**MedTenn**  
TMA’s Annual Convention  
[tnmed.org/MedTenn](http://tnmed.org/MedTenn)

The premiere annual convention for physicians and medical professionals in Tennessee routinely features a robust lineup of proprietary CME, professional networking and social activities.

**INSURANCE WORKSHOPS**

**Annual Insurance Workshops**  
Fall, multiple locations  
[tnmed.org/insurance-workshops](http://tnmed.org/insurance-workshops)

TMA’s annual Insurance Workshops bring physicians, practice managers and medical professionals together with the state’s largest payers to discuss updates that impact how you get reimbursed in the emerging value-based payment landscape.
GRASSROOTS PROGRAM

PITCH (Physicians Involved in Tennessee’s Capitol Hill) is a way for physicians to get active and make sure their voice is heard on Capitol Hill and across the state.

- **Dialogues in the District** - Small group meetings and events with key legislators and their constituents on their home turf outside of the legislative session. This localized, “offseason” approach allows physicians and legislators to discuss important issues without distraction and develop more meaningful, productive relationships.

- **Advocacy Calls** - While TMA’s lobbyists work hard to develop productive relationships with legislators and other elected officials, nothing carries more weight or influence than activism among TMA member physicians - especially those constituents who live and/or work in a senator or representative’s district. Lawmakers want and need to hear your expertise on healthcare issues.

- **Doctor of the Day** - Volunteers spend a day in Nashville serving the medical needs of lawmakers and their staff, interacting with legislators and getting a first-hand look at the legislative process, while giving something back to the public servants who support physicians’ issues.

- **IMPACT** - TMA’s political action committee helps elect and retain friends of medicine in the legislature by financially supporting political campaigns. Become a part of IMPACT with a one-time contribution, or join the Capitol Hill Club.

- **Legislative Update CME** - TMA’s legal and advocacy experts are available to deliver to groups, upon request, a detailed analysis of new healthcare laws, new compliance and legal requirements and a preview of TMA’s advocacy priorities for the next session.

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LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

TMA carries the collective voice of physicians from across the state on Capitol Hill, working directly with lawmakers and regulatory agencies to influence public policies affecting the practice of medicine. Contact our advocacy team to learn about TMA’s legislative priorities and how you can get involved.

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CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Check out TMA's online library of proprietary, accredited CME content. Courses are offered to TMA members at discounted pricing to help members meet licensure requirements, and stay ahead of emerging healthcare trends.

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PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES

TMA is involved in the biggest public health issues and needs expertise from members like you to help with legislative action, patient and physician education, media comments and other opportunities.

[tnmed.org/publichealth](http://tnmed.org/publichealth)

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Participate in professional growth and development programs through the John Ingram Institute for Physician Leadership. The Institute offers two course tracks to help physicians of any stage in their careers acquire the leadership skills they need to excel in their healthcare team, in their profession and in their communities. Programs are exclusive to TMA members.

- **Immersion Weekend Retreat:** A special getaway weekend for physicians to gain fundamental leadership training in teamwork, collaboration, conflict resolution, and media and communications.

- **Physician Leadership Lab:** A multi-month course that helps physicians acquire the skills to become quality leaders in team-based healthcare delivery settings. Each physician participant undertakes a course project that allows him or her to directly apply the skills acquired in the Lab in a real-world environment, including in his or her own local clinical setting, to improve quality, safety and efficiency and reduce costs.

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BUSINESS RESOURCES

Shop with TMA to save time and money on the products and services you need, want or already use in your business. TMA negotiates with partner companies to offer members exclusive deals in a variety of categories.

- Insurance and Financial Services
- Technology
- HR/Personnel
- Professional/Business Services
- Medical Office Consumables
- Miscellaneous Physician Services

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PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

Tennessee Medicine - Author a newsworthy article or editorial that might be of interest to your fellow TMA members in TMA's quarterly magazine, Tennessee Medicine.

Tennessee Medicine's e-Journal - Submit a scientific research manuscript to be considered for TMA's multispecialty, peer-reviewed online journal.

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## TMA COMMITTEES

Standing committees of volunteer members help carry out the work of the association and advise the Board. Most committee appointments are for two-year terms and are made by the Board annually during its January meeting. To request to serve on a Board standing committee, go to tnmed.org/TMA/TMA_Committees and contact the committee staff liaison.

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<td>As the nation’s largest physician group, the AMA advocates the issues vital to the nation’s health. Helps doctors help patients by uniting physicians nationwide to work on the most important professional and public health issues. Requires analysis of proposed resolutions and attendance at two multi-day meetings per year.</td>
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<td>Constitution and Bylaws</td>
<td>Maintains oversight of TMA official managing document, providing insight and direction regarding changes and amendments.</td>
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<td>Public Health</td>
<td>Monitors and addresses issues on health concerns to the public-at-large and the general well-being of our state such as pandemics, flu vaccines, disaster preparedness, health coalition partnerships, rural health access, tobacco, obesity, and the uninsured.</td>
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<td>Professional Relations</td>
<td>Promotes and maintains relationships between the association and other professional organizations; promotes the policies, projects and image of the TMA and oversees the internal and external communications processes between the TMA and its constituencies.</td>
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<td>Legislative</td>
<td>Develops TMA’s legislative strategies and positions for the Tennessee General Assembly and for Congress.</td>
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<td>Direct all facets of TMA’s membership operations including projects for recruitment and retention.</td>
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<td>Practice Management and Quality</td>
<td>Monitors and addresses issues related to the safe and efficient delivery of medical services and patient care by physicians, practices and issues impacting the business operations of a medical practice, such as e-health records, credentialing, staffing, medico-legal, state and federal rules and regulations, HSAs, HIPAA, and physician extenders.</td>
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<td>Insurance Issues</td>
<td>Monitors and addresses all insurance issues, both government and commercial, affecting physicians, practices and patients in Tennessee. This includes health plan relations, reimbursement, regulation and policy changes, lawsuit settlements, contracting issues, networks, pay for performance, workers compensation, etc.</td>
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<td>Education</td>
<td>Helps Tennessee’s doctors advance their medical education, stay trained on the latest issues and develop their leadership skills. Oversees TMA’s proprietary education programming including local and statewide workshops and online CME resources.</td>
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<td>Raises funds and reviews and approves campaign contributions. Committee members often attend campaign fundraisers and deliver IMPACT contribution checks. The Committee is advised by TMA lobbyists regarding how legislators vote and whether they are supportive of physician healthcare issues. IMPACT contributions are primarily targeted to friends on important committees and to those leadership roles.</td>
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TMA LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Interested in becoming a TMA officer? Below is a brief description of the roles and responsibilities.

**State Offices**
- President — Serves as President-Elect for one year, then installed as President at the following annual meeting for a one-year term, then immediate Past President for one year. Serves on the TMA Board of Trustees for all three years. President is the head of the Association during his or her term of office, serving as official spokesperson on important medical issues with the media, and representing TMA with physician groups, hospitals and other healthcare industry organizations, state and federal governmental officials.

- AMA YPS Delegate and Alternate Delegate — These individuals represent the TMA Young Physicians Section at the AMA Young Physicians Section House of Delegates meetings. The delegation carries forward issues from the TMA for consideration by the AMA and provides insight and comment on proposed issues and policies under consideration by the AMA Young Physicians Section.

- Councilor — Each region elects one councilor to serve a two-year term on TMA’s Judicial Council, which investigates matters of alleged improper conduct, takes disciplinary action against members or component medical societies and assists the component medical societies in maintaining their viability in the region.

**Regional Offices**
- TMA Board of Trustees — Each Region elects members to serve three-year terms on the TMA Board of Trustees, which fulfills and carries out the responsibilities and directives given to it by the House of Delegates.

- YPS Delegate to the TMA House of Delegates — Each TMA region is entitled to elect one young physician (under 40 years of age or in first five years of practice) to represent the region in the TMA House of Delegates. During their one-year term (may be re-elected), delegates vote on resolutions and motions brought before the House, provide testimony and discussion in reference committees and attend caucus or section meetings at the Annual Meeting.

**Component Medical Societies**
CMS officers consist of a president and secretary, and each CMS elects a delegate or delegates to represent it in the TMA House of Delegates.

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REPRESENTING TMA ON STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The TMA Board of Trustees submits nominations to the governor’s office for physician appointment to various state-level regulatory and advisory boards and commissions. TMA members interested in appointment to one of these agencies should contact the chair of the TMA Board of Trustees or TMA CEO.

• Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities – Grants or denies facility licenses such as for hospitals and ambulatory surgical treatment centers. Sets who may hold privileges in facilities and promulgates state facility rules.

• Board of Medical Examiners – Sets standards of professional conduct, CME, mid-level supervision, professional ethics, and issues licenses to qualified medical doctors. Hears contested cases involving licensure discipline.

• Emergency Medical Services Board – Sets licensure and professional standards for EMS personnel and ambulances. Licenses emergency paraprofessionals.

• Health Services and Development Agency – Grants or denies certificate of need (CON) applications for various licensed facilities and equipment based on the state’s health plan.

• Tennessee Health Information Committee – Advises the commissioner of commerce and insurance regarding policies, and makes recommendations to the commissioner of finance and administration as to standard setting for the state’s all payer claims database. Approves the release of database reports. Develops a description of the data sets included in the database, security measures, and evaluates the integrity and accuracy of the database.

• TennCare Pharmacy Advisory Committee – Makes recommendations on drugs to be included on the TennCare drug formulary.

• Advisory Council on Workers’ Compensation – Issues an annual report of findings and conclusions regarding workers’ compensation. Advises on rules being considered by the program and program legislation considered by the General Assembly; makes recommendations regarding the method and form of statistical data collections, monitors the performance of the program.

• Workers’ Compensation Medical Payment Committee – Hears disputes on medical bill payments between providers and insurers, and advises the administrator on issues related to the medical fee schedule and medical care cost containment in the state workers’ compensation system.
• **Workers’ Compensation Medical Advisory Committee** - Assists the administrator in the development of the treatment guidelines and on issues related to medical care in the workers’ compensation system.

• **Board of Athletic Trainers** - Issues licenses to athletic trainers who meet the qualifications. Promulgates rules regarding the practice of athletic training. Sets professional standards and hears contested cases for licensure discipline.

• **Child Fatality Review Team** - Reviews circumstances of child fatalities and recommends preventive measures. Advisory only.

• **TennCare Drug Utilization Review Board** - Looks at prescription utilization patterns of TennCare enrollees who receive seven or more prescriptions.

• **TennCare Select Review Panel** - Determines the rate of compensation for TennCare independent reviewers who review payment disputes between providers and TennCare MCOs.

• **Council of Certified Professional Midwifery** - Issues licenses to lay midwives who meet the qualifications. Promulgates rules regarding the practice of professional midwifery. Sets professional standards and hears contested cases for licensure discipline.

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**OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

• **TPQVO Board of Governors** - TMA owns 25% of TPQVO, a primary-source credentialing verification company. This position represents TMA on the governing board, and advises the CEO on policies, marketing strategies, and compliance.

• **TennCare Payment Reform Initiative Technical Advisory Groups (TAGS)** - From time to time, certain specialists are needed to represent TMA on groups which help design episodes of care pursuant to the state’s payment reform initiative.
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