

Accessing AMA resources to support policy development

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The legislative and policy-making body of the American Medical Association (AMA) is called the House of Delegates (HOD). It is comprised of national societies, state medical associations, national medical specialty societies, professional interest associations, federal services, and AMA sections. Each year, these groups draft and submit resolutions to the AMA HOD with the intent of creating new policy. Many of these resolutions address the continuum of organized medicine — medical education; professional ethics; legislation; governance; medical service and practice; and science, technology and public health. If adopted, these new policies inform the current state and future of medical schools, graduate medical training, and physician life-long learning.

Membership participation in policymaking efforts is key. Given the myriad of AMA resources, it can be challenging to know the best path forward when seeking to develop resolutions. This brief explains the current resources AMA members can utilize as they work to develop policy recommendations for the HOD.

For further assistance, physicians, residents and medical students can go to <https://www.ama-assn.org/form/contact-us> to reach the AMA by email or call the AMA Member Service Center at 800-262-3211. The general public can call the AMA at 312-464-4782.

AMA resources:

Resource	Description	Link
Advocacy	Synopsis of recent AMA advocacy achievements and priorities, organized by topic.	National: https://www.ama-assn.org/health-care-advocacy/federal-advocacy/national-advocacy State: https://www.ama-assn.org/health-care-advocacy/state-advocacy/state-advocacy AMA Advocacy efforts: https://www.ama-assn.org/health-care-advocacy/access-care/ama-advocacy-efforts AMA Advocacy Update: https://www.ama-assn.org/health-care-advocacy/advocacy-update
Archive of House of Delegates (HOD) Meetings and Follow up from HOD policy actions	Proceedings of previous Annual and Interim Meetings, current reports and resolutions, status of actions taken on policy adopted in last ten years.	Previous ten years: https://www.ama-assn.org/house-delegates/hod-organization/archive-house-delegates-meetings

		Older: https://ama.nmtvault.com/jsp/browse.jsp
Board of Trustees	Elected body responsible for implementing AMA policy.	https://www.ama-assn.org/about/board-trustees
Councils of the AMA	The seven councils provide information and recommend policies to the Board or HOD on various issues impacting patients and physicians.	https://www.ama-assn.org/councils
Council & Board reports under development	List of current reports and resolutions being considered by the HOD.	https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/hod-reports-under-development.pdf
Council Report Finder	Searchable database of reports from AMA Councils filed over the last ten years.	https://councilreports.ama-assn.org/councilreports
Ed Hub™	Trusted education platform from 50+ providers offering CME credit and automatic reporting to 20+ boards.	https://edhub.ama-assn.org/
Federal & State Correspondence Finder	Searchable database of AMA testimony, comment letters, and sign-on letters.	https://searchlf.ama-assn.org/finder/letter/search/*/date/1/
History	Highlights from the history of the AMA	https://www.ama-assn.org/about/ama-history/ama-history
HOD Meetings	Information related to meeting dates, business of the HOD and highlights.	Annual meeting: https://www.ama-assn.org/house-delegates/annual-meeting Interim meeting: https://www.ama-assn.org/house-delegates/interim-meeting
Litigation Center Case Summary Finder	Searchable database of cases undertaken by the Litigation Center.	https://searchlf.ama-assn.org/finder/case/search/*/title/1/
Policy Finder	Searchable database of AMA policies adopted, modified, or reaffirmed over the last ten years.	https://policysearch.ama-assn.org/policyfinder
PRA Credit System	Physician Recognition Award (PRA) Credit System utilized by physicians to demonstrate participation in CME activities that meet the requirements of state medical boards, medical specialty societies, specialty boards, hospital medical staffs, the Joint Commission, and insurance groups.	https://www.ama-assn.org/education/ama-pra-credit-system
Press Center	Repository of press releases and statements on recent issues.	https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center
Sections of the AMA	Interest-based groups that shape AMA policy, increase relevant knowledge and skills, and foster interaction with peers.	https://www.ama-assn.org/member-groups-sections