

2016 MAG HOD Schedule Hyatt Savannah October 15-16, 2016

As of October 3, 2016

Time	Event	Room
Friday, October 14, 2016		
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	MAG Student Room	Percival
8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	MAG Foundation Breakfast & Meeting	Scarborough 1-2
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	MAG Board of Directors Meeting & Working Lunch	Regency Ballroom
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	GAMPAC BOD Meeting	Verelst
4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Set-up	Mezzanine
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	HOD Registration	Hotel Lobby
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	GPLA Reception & Dinner	Windows
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	MAG Welcome Reception	Garden Terrace
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Past Presidents' Reception & Dinner	45 Bistro
9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Resident Physician Section Meeting	Scarborough 1
Saturday, October 15, 2016		
6:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Registration	Registration Booth
6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	HOD Breakfast	Mezzanine
6:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Exhibits	Mezzanine
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	CME Session (sponsored by Medical College of Georgia)	Regency Ballroom
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	House of Delegates (First Session)	Regency Ballroom
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	MAG Student Room	Percival
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	MAG Resident Room	Plimsoll
10:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.	HOD Picture	Hotel Lobby
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Reference Committee A	Scarborough 3
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Reference Committee C	Scarborough 4
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Reference Committee F	Verelst
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Reference Committee S	Regency Ballroom
12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	MAG Mutual - Delegates' Luncheon	Harborside Center
12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Student/Resident Poster Display	Hotel Lobby
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Reference Committee A, cont.	Scarborough Three
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Reference Committee C, cont.	Scarborough Four
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Reference Committee F, cont.	Verelst
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Reference Committee S, cont.	Regency Ballroom
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	IMG Section Meeting	Vernon
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Medical Student Section Meeting	Percival
5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Photography – New President's Photos	
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Student/Resident Poster Display, cont.	Hotel Lobby
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Officer Installation	Scarborough 1-2
7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	MAG Reception	Harborside Center
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	MAG Awards Dinner	Harborside Center
Sunday, October 16, 2016		

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Distribution of Reference Committee Copies	Registration Booth
6:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Registration	Registration Booth
	Component Society Caucus Breakfasts	
6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	AMA Delegation Caucus	Vernon Room
6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Cobb CMS Breakfast	Scarborough 4
6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	DeKalb, Gwinnett-Forsyth, Hall CMS & GA-ACC	Scarborough 2
6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	MAA	Scarborough 1
6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Richmond CMS Breakfast	Scarborough 3
6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	HOD Breakfast (non-caucus)	Mezzanine
6:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Exhibits	Mezzanine North
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Bibb, Muscogee & Georgia CMS	Windows
8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	House of Delegates (Second Session)	Regency Ballroom
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	GAMPAC Lunch	Harborside Center
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	House of Delegates – 2nd Session Cont. if needed	Regency Ballroom
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	BOD Organizational Meeting	Regency Ballroom



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**Speaker's Letter
Medical Association of Georgia
House of Delegates
October 15-16, 2016
Hyatt Regency Savannah**

MAG Delegates and Alternate Delegates:

Please review the following information to prepare for the Medical Association of Georgia's (MAG) House of Delegates (HOD) meeting that will take place at the Hyatt Regency Savannah on October 15-16.

You should contact your county medical society to see if it has already reserved a room for you at the Hyatt Regency Savannah since MAG's block of rooms at the Hyatt is sold out. MAG meeting attendees who would like to be placed on a waiting list for a room at the Hyatt or need any other assistance with HOD lodging should contact Anita Amin at aamin@mag.org.

We encourage you to visit www.mag.org/HOD for the latest information on this year's HOD meeting. This web page includes the meeting schedule, staff contacts, deadlines, and reports and resolutions. You can also get this information by downloading MAG's new HOD meeting app by searching for 'MAG HOD 2016' in Apple iTunes or Google Play. Please contact Dayna Jackson at 678.303.9262 or djackson@mag.org with any questions related to the HOD meeting.

Sincerely,

Frank McDonald Jr., M.D.
Speaker of the House

Edmund R. Donoghue Jr., M.D.
Vice Speaker of the House

Handbook

The HOD handbook will be emailed to delegates and alternate delegates as a PDF. The handbook also will be posted at www.mag.org/HOD. Amendments to the handbook will be posted on this web page and emailed to delegates and alternate delegates on a regular basis.

Registration Desk

The HOD meeting registration desk will be located just outside of the Hyatt's Regency Ballroom at the top of the lobby escalator. A temporary registration desk will also be set up in the Hyatt Regency lobby from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, October 14. The permanent registration desk will open at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 15 and at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 16. Please note that any delegate substitutions can only be made by the applicable society president or executive director at the registration desk.

Wireless Internet

Delegates can obtain free internet access by selecting the "Hyatt Meeting" network and using the password "HOD2016."

Meeting Schedule

The HOD will convene in the Regency Ballroom at 8:30 a.m. sharp on Saturday, October 15. The opening session is scheduled to conclude by 10 a.m. The second session of the HOD will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 16.

Although subject to change, the reference committees are scheduled to convene at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 15 as follows...

Reference Committee A – Health Care Policy
Reference Committee C – Legislation
Reference Committee F – Finance and Administration
Reference Committee S – Prescription Drug Abuse

The HOD will adjourn once its business is complete on Sunday, October 16.

Elections

Delegates who wish to nominate a MAG member for an elected office will have one minute to make a nominating speech during Saturday's opening session. In the event that there is just one candidate nominated for an office, the election for that office will be uncontested and no second will be necessary. The nomination process will take place on Saturday, October 15. The election of officers for any contested races would then take place on Sunday, October 16.

The elections will be conducted under the supervision of the chief teller, the assistant election tellers, and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. For contested elections, voting will take place using an electronic audience response system. For any runoff elections,

electronic handheld devices or paper ballots will only be distributed to the delegates who are seated in the House. Only duly credentialed delegates are permitted to cast a ballot. Alternate delegates who are seated for delegates must report to the registration desk to be properly credentialed and to receive a delegate's ribbon. Alternate delegates may not vote on any matter unless they are properly credentialed as a delegate. Delegate substitutions can only be made by the applicable society president or executive director at the registration desk.

President's Installation and Awards Reception & Dinner

The ceremony to install Steve M. Walsh, M.D., as MAG's president for 2016-2017 will take place in the Scarborough Ballroom at 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 15. A reception will take place in the Harborside Ballroom Pre-Function area at 7 p.m., while the awards dinner will take place in the Harborside Ballroom beginning at 7:30 p.m. The cost to purchase tickets for the reception and dinner in advance is \$75, which includes two drink coupons. Additional drinks may be purchased on a cash basis. Dinner tickets can be obtained by completing the [online registration form](#), which should be done by Thursday, October 1. A limited number of dinner tickets will be available at the HOD registration desk for \$125 per person.

Policy Compendium

The latest draft of the policy compendium is available on the new MAG HOD app and at www.mag.org/HOD. The final version of the policy compendium will be included with the handbook that will be emailed to delegates and posted on www.mag.org/HOD. The policy compendium will be updated after the meeting to account for any actions that are taken by the HOD.

Dress Code

The dress code for the meeting is business casual. The individuals who are seated on a reference committee or on the dais are asked to wear business professional attire (e.g., coat and tie for men). The dress code for the president's installation ceremony and the awards dinner is black tie or business professional.

GAMPAC

GAMPAC will kick off its 2017 membership drive during the HOD meeting. GAMPAC is MAG's non-partisan political action committee that elects pro-medicine candidates at the state level. GAMPAC membership levels include the Chairman's Circle at \$2,500, the Capitol Club at \$1,000, GAMPAC membership at \$250, and GAMPAC contributor at \$95. GAMPAC members who are at the \$250 level or higher are invited to attend an exclusive lunch that will take place in the Harborside Ballroom at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 16. The lunch is free for GAMPAC members. You must be a GAMPAC member at the \$250 level or higher to attend this lunch. The GAMPAC lunch will feature a unique health care panel discussion that will feature four congressional leaders, including Reps. Tom Price, M.D., and Buddy Carter from Georgia and Michael Burgess, M.D., and Phil Roe, M.D., from Texas and Tennessee. Contact Bethany Sherrer at 678.303.9273 or bsherrer@mag.org for additional information.

MAG Mutual Insurance Company Lunch

MAG Mutual Insurance Company is encouraging all delegates and alternate delegates to attend a complimentary lunch that it will host in the Harborside Ballroom at 12 p.m. on Saturday, October 15. The keynote speaker will be Alan Lembitz, M.D., who is COPIC's chief medical officer. He will give a talk on "The Journey from Risk Management to Patient Safety." Our sincere thanks to MagMutual for its ongoing support.

MAG Foundation

MAG HOD delegates and alternate delegates are encouraged to support the MAG Foundation's 'Think About It' campaign to reduce prescription drug abuse in the state and/or the Georgia Physicians Leadership Academy. The MAG Foundation's donor levels include the "1849 Club" (\$100-\$1,000), the "Leadership Society" (\$2,500-\$10,000), and the "Vanguard Society" (\$25,000-\$100,000). Contact Lori Cassity Murphy at 678.303.9282 or lmurphy@mag.org for additional information. Also go to <http://www.themagfoundation.org/donate/> to make a donation.

Please note that the MAG Foundation will be conducting a special fundraising contest at this year's HOD meeting. Delegates are encouraged to visit the MAG Foundation exhibit on the mezzanine-level of the Hyatt to make a donation to the GPLA to honor outgoing, long-time GPLA Steering Committee Chair William Clark, M.D., for his dedication and service. Donors will automatically qualify for a raffle contest for a chance to win a weekend at The King & Prince Resort on St. Simons Island. There will also be a friendly, Olympics-themed contest to see which GPLA class can raise the most money for the GPLA during this year's HOD meeting.

International Medical Graduate Section

MAG's International Medical Graduates (IMG) section will meet in the Vernon Room from 4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 15. Contact Dayna Jackson at djackson@mag.org for more information.

Resident Physician Section

MAG's Resident Physician Section (RPS) section will meet in the Scarbrough 1 Room from 9 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Friday, October 14. Contact Dayna Jackson at djackson@mag.org for more information.

Medical Student Section

MAG's Medical Student Section (MSS) will meet in the Percival Room from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 15. Contact Dayna Jackson at djackson@mag.org for more information.

This year's HOD meeting will feature a MAG member medical student abstract competition. We encourage you to visit this exhibit, which will be set up in the hotel lobby. [Click here for more details.](#)

County Medical Society Caucuses

The county medical society caucuses will begin at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 16. Download MAG's new app or go to www.mag.org/HOD for additional information on the society caucus breakfast meetings.

AMA Delegation Caucus

The AMA Georgia Delegation caucus will begin at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 16. Download MAG's new app or go to www.mag.org/HOD for additional information on the breakfast caucus.

Special Events

Golf

There will not be a formal golf tournament in 2016 because MAG's Board of Directors meeting has been moved to the afternoon of Friday, October 14. HOD attendees who have an interest in playing golf on the morning of Friday, October 14 can contact William Silver, M.D., at wesilver@aol.com.

MAG Past Presidents' Dinner

The MAG Past Presidents' Reception and Dinner will be held on Friday, October 14. It will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 45 Bistro, which is located at 123 East Broughton Street in Savannah. This is an invitation-only, black tie affair.

Friday Night Welcome Cocktail Reception

There will be a cocktail reception for all HOD attendees and their families and guests on the Garden Terrace on the fourth floor of the Hyatt Regency from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 14. Please be sure to get your registration packet at the registration desk prior to this reception as your drink tickets will be included in the packet.

Georgia Physicians Leadership Academy Dinner

The Georgia Physicians Leadership Academy (GPLA) Steering Committee is inviting GPLA scholars, alumni and spouses to attend a reception and dinner at the Windows restaurant at the Hyatt Regency from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, October 14.

Exhibitors and Grand Prize Drawing

Exhibitions will be set up on the North Mezzanine, which is adjacent to the HOD meeting room. MAG and MAG Mutual Insurance Company will conduct a special contest for delegates. Each delegate's registration packet will contain a gold-colored ticket, and delegates who have every exhibitor punch that ticket will qualify for a chance to win the grand prize – which is a \$500 American Express gift card. Delegates must be present for the drawing at the end of the meeting on Sunday to qualify.

Airport

Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport

<http://savannahairport.com>

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<http://savannah.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>

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Parking

The Hyatt Regency Savannah offers valet parking for \$19 per day for standard cars and oversize vehicles/vans that are less than 7.5 feet tall. This includes unlimited in/out privileges. Self-parking is available in the Whitaker Street Garage – which is across the street and less than a block away – for \$16 per night. In/out privileges do not apply.

2016 HOUSE OF DELEGATES
Items of Business

Reports		Reference Committee Referrals
Officer		
Officer: 04.16	Treasurer	Reference Committee F
Officer: 06.16	Chairman, AMA Delegation	Reference Committee F
Director		
Director: 01.16	First District Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 02.16	Second District Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 03.16	Third District Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 04.16	Fourth District Medical Society (See DeKalb CMS 15.16)	Not Referred
Director: 05.16	Fifth District Medical Society (See MAA 20.16)	Not Referred
Director: 06.16	Sixth District Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 07.16	Seventh District Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 08.16	Eighth District Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 09.16	Ninth District Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 10.16	Tenth District Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 11.16	Bibb County Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 12.16	Clayton-Henry-Fayette Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 13.16	Cobb County Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 14.16	Crawford W. Long Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 15.16	DeKalb Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 16.16	Dougherty County Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 17.16	Georgia Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 18.16	Gwinnett-Forsyth County Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 19.16	Hall County Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 20.16	Medical Association of Atlanta	Not Referred
Director: 21.16	Muscogee County Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 22.16	Peachbelt County Medical Society	Not Referred
Director: 23.16	Richmond County Medical Society	Not Referred
Section		
Section: 02.16	International Medical Graduate Section	Not Referred
Section: 04.16	Resident Physician and Fellow Section	Not Referred
Section: 05.16	Medical Student Section	Not Referred
Special		
Special: 01.16	Executive Committee	Not Referred
Special: 02.16	Medical Association of Georgia Foundation	Not Referred
Special: 03.16	Medical Association of Georgia Alliance	Not Referred
Special: 04.16	Policy Sunset & Reaffirmation Report	Consent Calendar
Special: 05.16	Department of Communications	Not Referred
Special: 06.16	Department of Membership and Marketing	Not Referred
Special: 07.16	Georgia Physicians Leadership Academy	Reference Committee F
Special: 08.16	The Physicians' Institute for Excellence in Medicine	Not Referred
Special: 09.16	The Physicians Foundation	Not Referred
Special: 10.16	Department of Third Party Payer Advocacy and Health Policy	Not Referred
Special: 11.16	Georgia Medical Political Action Committee	Not Referred

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Reports		Reference Committee Referrals
Committee		
Committee: 04.16	Committee on Council on Legislation	Not Referred
Committee: 05.16	Committee on Continuing Medical Education	Not Referred
Committee: 06.16	Committee on Correctional Medicine	Not Referred

Resolutions		Reference Committee Referrals
101A.16	Georgia Medical License for International Medical School Graduates	Reference Committee A
102A.16	Improving Communications Among Health Care Clinicians	Reference Committee A
103A.16	Signing of Death Certificates	Reference Committee A
104A.16	Physician Shortage	Reference Committee A
105A.16	MACRA	Reference Committee A
106A.16	Distracted Driver Reduction	Reference Committee A
107A.16	Control Cost of Brand and Generic Medications	Reference Committee A
108A.16	Access to Cosmetic Product Ingredients	Reference Committee A
109A.16	Electronic Health Records	Reference Committee A
110A.16	Physician Practice Bill of Rights	Reference Committee A
111A.16	Nonpayment for Unspecified Codes by Third Party Payers	Reference Committee A
112A.16	Electronic Medical Records Recovery Fees	Reference Committee A
301C.16	MAG Alignment with the Medical Practice Act	Reference Committee C
302C.16	Network Transparency and Management to Benefit Patients	Reference Committee C
303C.16	Maintenance of Certification (MOC)	Reference Committee C
304C.16	Advertisement of Board Certification in Georgia	Reference Committee C
305C.16	Protection for Visiting Athletes and Team Physicians	Reference Committee C
306C.16	Nurse Protocol Agreement	Reference Committee C
307C.16	Review of Delegated Medical Acts	Reference Committee C
308C.16	Health Care Insurer Contracts	Reference Committee C
309C.16	Step Therapy Protocols with First Fail Protocols	Reference Committee C
310C.16	Protect Physician Practices from MOC	Reference Committee C
311C.16	Physician Control of Admissions to Hospital	Reference Committee C
312C.16	Improving Access to Health Care in Georgia	Reference Committee C
Officer: 04.16	Treasurer	Reference Committee F
Officer: 06.16	Chairman, AMA Delegation	Reference Committee F
Special: 07.16	Georgia Physicians Leadership Academy	Reference Committee F
401F.16	Charter Rome Area Medical Society	Reference Committee F
402F.16	Charter North Georgia Mountains Medical Society	Reference Committee F
601S.16	Controlled Drug Disposal for Pharmacies	Reference Committee S
602S.16	Substance Abuse Curriculum and CME Opportunities	Reference Committee S
603S.16	Expansion of Project DAN (Deaths Avoided by Naloxone)	Reference Committee S

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604S.16	Prescription Drug Abuse Education in Medical School	Reference Committee S
605S.16	Position on CDC Opioid Prescription Guidelines	Reference Committee S
606S.16	Mandatory Opioid Prescribing CME	Reference Committee S
607S.16	Over-the-Counter Naloxone	Reference Committee S

**MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA
1612ND ANNUAL SESSION - HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ORDER OF BUSINESS
8:30 A.M., SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016
HYATT REGENCY SAVANNAH
FIRST SESSION**

CALL TO ORDER	E. Frank McDonald Jr., M.D. Speaker, House of Delegates
	Edmund R. Donoghue Jr., M.D. Vice Speaker, House of Delegates
INVOCATION	Chaplain Dorothy Jones
PRESENTATION OF COLORS	Chatham County Sheriff's Department
INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS AND GUESTS	E. Frank McDonald Jr., M.D. Speaker, House of Delegates
NEW RESOLUTIONS	
CREDENTIALS REPORT	Fonda Ann Mitchell, M.D. Chair, Credentials Committee
STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION ADDRESS	John S. Harvey, M.D. President
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT	Donald J. Palmisano Jr. Executive Director/CEO
NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS AND AMA DELEGATES/ALTERNATE DELEGATES	E. Frank McDonald Jr., M.D. Speaker, House of Delegates
ANNUAL SESSIONS CONSENT CALENDAR	E. Frank McDonald Jr., M.D. Speaker, House of Delegates
INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS	E. Frank McDonald Jr., M.D. Speaker, House of Delegates
ANNOUNCEMENTS	E. Frank McDonald Jr., M.D. Speaker, House of Delegates
RECESS FOR REFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS	E. Frank McDonald Jr., M.D. Speaker, House of Delegates

2016 MAG HOD REFERENCE COMMITTEES

REFERENCE COMMITTEE A – HEALTH CARE POLICY

Chair	Kelly Michelle DeGraffenreid, M.D.	MAA
Vice Chair	Benjamin David Spitalnick, M.D.	Pediatrics
	Loy Dekle Cowart III, M.D.	GAFP
	Nikki Hughes, M.D.	MAA
	Carmen Michelle Kavali, M.D.	MAA
	Karl Daniel Schultz Jr., M.D.	Hall
	Joseph Sealy Wilson Jr., M.D.	Cardiology

Staff: Susan Moore/Kimberly Ramseur

REFERENCE COMMITTEE C - LEGISLATION

Chair	Katarina Gabrielle Lequeux-Nalovic, M.D.	Dermatology
Vice Chair	Patrick Leroy Blohm, M.D.	Georgia
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	Welborn Cody McClatchey, M.D.	MAA
	Lionel Dain Meadows, M.D.	Jackson-Banks
	Ramana Puppala, M.D.	Stephens-Rabun
	Mitzi Beth Rubin, M.D.	GAFP

Staff: Derek Norton/Trey Reese

REFERENCE COMMITTEE F – FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Chair	Deborah Ann Martin, M.D.	MAA
Vice Chair	Abhishek Gaur, M.D.	Cardiology
	Donnie P. Dunagan, M.D.	Richmond
	Noel Holtz, M.D.	Cobb
	James Robert Malcolm, M.D.	Cobb
	Donald Carl Siegel, M.D.	DeKalb
	William Frank Willett III, M.D.	Muscogee

Staff: Sally Jacobs

REFERENCE COMMITTEES – PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

Chair	Martha Mary Wilber, M.D.	MAA
Vice Chair	Gurinder Jit Singh Doad, M.D.	Dougherty
	Robert Adair Blackwood, M.D.	Richmond
	William Robert Lane Jr., M.D.	Bibb
	Randy Frank Rizor, M.D.	MAA
	P. Tennent Slack, M.D.	Hall
	James Lofton Smith Jr., M.D.	GCEP

Staff: Kate Boyenga/Bethany Sherrer

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Joy A. Maxey, M.D.	DeKalb
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CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chair	Fonda Ann Mitchell, M.D.	MAA
	Nikki Hughes, M.D.	MAA
	Fred Lester Daniel, M.D.	Georgia
	Andrea Palmer Juliao, M.D.	DeKalb

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Masoumeh Ghaffari, M.D.	Cobb
Henry Harris Barnard, M.D.	Dougherty
Albert Farah Johary, M.D.	MAA

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Reference Committee Referrals

Reference Committee A

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Resolution: 111A.16	Nonpayment for Unspecified Codes by Third Party Payers
Resolution: 112A.16	Electronic Medical Records Recovery Fees

Reference Committee C

Resolution: 301C.16	MAG Alignment with the Medical Practice Act
Resolution: 302C.16	Network Transparency and Management to Benefit Patients
Resolution: 303C.16	Maintenance of Certification (MOC)
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Reference Committee F

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Officer: 06.16	Chairman, AMA Delegation
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Resolution: 402F.16	Charter North Georgia Mountains Medical Society

Reference Committee S

Resolution: 601S.16	Controlled Drug Disposal for Pharmacies
Resolution: 602S.16	Substance Abuse Curriculum and CME Opportunities
Resolution: 603S.16	Expansion of Project DAN (Deaths Avoided by Naloxone)
Resolution: 604S.16	Prescription Drug Abuse Education in Medical School
Resolution: 605S.16	Positing on CDC Opioid Prescription Guidelines
Resolution: 606S.16	Mandatory Opioid Prescribing CME
Resolution: 607S.16	Over-the-Counter Naloxone

RESOLUTION

Resolution: 112A.16

SUBJECT: Electronic Medical Records Recovery Fees
SUBMITTED BY: Richmond County Medical Society
REFERRED TO: Reference Committee A

1 Whereas, the Merit-Based Incentive Payment Systems and Alternate Payment Models under the Medicare
2 Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act are demanding access to quality measures in various domains in
3 electronic medical records (EMR); and
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5 Whereas, the EMR being used may not be able to provide this access; and
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7 Whereas, with the many different EMR used by various hospitals and practices today not providing the
8 transparency that was one of the major reasons for implementing the EMR system; and
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10 Whereas, for these reasons stated above, as well as other reasons, a practice may wish to change its EMR
11 that has been used in patient care for any length of time; and
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13 Whereas, the practice incurs an expense for access to its own data (e.g., patients' records) held hostage by
14 the original EMR; and
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16 Whereas, for this reason, the practice may elect to continue using an inferior EMR product; and
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18 Whereas, this will negatively influence our ability to attain the original goals outlined for using an EMR;
19 now therefore be it
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21 **RESOLVED, that the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) submits a resolution to the American**
22 **Medical Association (AMA) urging the proposal of legislation that would eliminate the costs**
23 **associated with recovering patient health care records from a previous EMR vendor.**

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AMA Policy

EHR Interoperability D-478.972

Our AMA: (1) will enhance efforts to accelerate development and adoption of universal, enforceable electronic health record (EHR) interoperability standards for all vendors before the implementation of penalties associated with the Medicare Incentive Based Payment System; (2) supports and encourages Congress to introduce legislation to eliminate unjustified information blocking and excessive costs which prevent data exchange; (3) will develop model state legislation to eliminate pricing barriers to EHR interfaces and connections to Health Information Exchanges; (4) will continue efforts to promote interoperability of EHRs and clinical registries; (5) will seek ways to facilitate physician choice in selecting or migrating between EHR systems that are independent from hospital or health system mandates; and (6) will seek exemptions from Meaningful Use penalties due to the lack of interoperability or decertified EHRs and seek suspension of all Meaningful Use penalties by insurers, both public and private.

National Health Information Technology D-478.995

1. Our AMA will closely coordinate with the newly formed Office of the National Health Information Technology Coordinator all efforts necessary to expedite the implementation of an interoperable health information technology infrastructure, while minimizing the financial burden to the physician and maintaining the art of medicine without compromising patient care.
2. Our AMA: (A) advocates for standardization of key elements of electronic health record (EHR) and computerized physician order entry (CPOE) user interface design during the ongoing development of this technology; (B) advocates that medical facilities and health systems work toward standardized login procedures and parameters to reduce user login fatigue; and (C) advocates for continued research and physician education on EHR and CPOE user interface design specifically concerning key design principles and features that can improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of health care.; and (D) advocates for more research on EHR, CPOE and clinical decision support systems and vendor accountability for the efficacy, effectiveness, and safety of these systems.
3. Our AMA will request that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services: (A) support an external, independent evaluation of the effect of Electronic Medical Record (EMR) implementation on patient safety and on the productivity and financial solvency of hospitals and physicians' practices; and (B) develop minimum standards to be applied to outcome-based initiatives measured during this rapid implementation phase of EMRs.
4. Our AMA will (A) seek legislation or regulation to require all EHR vendors to utilize standard and interoperable software technology components to enable cost efficient use of electronic health records across all health care delivery systems including institutional and community based settings of care delivery; and (B) work with CMS to incentivize hospitals and health systems to achieve interconnectivity and interoperability of electronic health records systems with independent physician practices to enable the efficient and cost effective use and sharing of electronic health records across all settings of care delivery.
5. Our AMA will seek to incorporate incremental steps to achieve electronic health record (EHR) data portability as part of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology's (ONC) certification process.
6. Our AMA will collaborate with EHR vendors and other stakeholders to enhance transparency and establish processes to achieve data portability.
7. Our AMA will directly engage the EHR vendor community to promote improvements in EHR usability.

MAG Policy

315.994 Electronic Health Record - Usability

HD 10/18/2015 MAG supports the 2014 AMA position paper that outlines eight priorities to improve EHR usability for physicians and other stakeholders in the health care industry, including the following: 1) EHR systems should be designed to enhance physician-patient communication and engagement; 2) EHR systems should be support team-based care by maximizing each person's productivity in accordance with state licensure laws and allow physicians to delegate tasks as appropriate; 3) EHR systems should be designed to enhance care coordination across the continuum of care; 4) EHR systems should offer product modularity and configurability to meet individual practice requirements; 5) EHR systems should support medical decision making with concise, context sensitive and realtime data; 6) EHR systems should facilitate connected health care across care settings and enable both

exporting data and properly incorporating data from other systems; 7) EHR systems should be interoperable with patient mobile technology to support patient engagement; and 8) EHR systems should be designed with end-user input and EHR technology should facilitate post-product implementation feedback. (Resolution 108A.15)

315.995 Electronic Health Record -- Improving Technology

HD 10/18/2015 MAG supports the American Medical Association in its advocacy with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, IT experts, researchers and executives to reframe policy around the desired future capabilities of Electronic Health Records technology to enhance patient care, improve productivity and reduce administrative costs. (Resolution 108A.15)