Have your say on an AMA committee

The deadline to apply is April 28.

The AMA is currently recruiting to fill positions on the committees listed below. The AMA’s Nominating Committee will consider applications at its May meeting. Its recommendations will be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval in July. The AMA is committed to diversity and inclusion in its committee appointments process.

- AMA Compensation Committee
- Allocation Working Group
- Fees Advisory Committee
- Committee on Bylaws
- Committee on Financial Audit
- Committee on Uninsured Services
- Health Issues Council

Our online application process makes it easy to apply! Visit the AMA Committees web page and log in to view the postings and apply.

Log in and apply

Achievement Awards deadline extended

Do you know someone who has contributed to the art and science of medicine or the advancement of medical research, medical education, health education and/or health promotion to the public? There’s still time to nominate; we’ve extended the AMA Achievement Awards nominations deadline to May 15!

Send in your nomination
Tools for supporting your trans patients

TOP and Alberta Health have partnered together with experts from Alberta’s trans health care community to adapt existing practice tools from elsewhere in Canada to the Alberta environment. TOP’s transgender care practice tools respond to the need for an Alberta-specific approach to assessment and management of health care needs known to be prevalent in the transgender population. The tools are designed to support primary care providers who see themselves as not expert in transgender care. They are clear, concise and presented in a user-friendly format. Key features of the tools include:

- Tips on how to communicate respectfully with trans patients.
- How to assess and support a patient who presents with possible gender dysphoria.
- Key steps for the primary care provider to support trans patients before and after gender affirming chest or bottom surgery.

Continue reading to learn more

Artwork from a youth with chronic pain. Used with permission.

Treating chronic pain in children

Contributed by:
The Vi Riddell Children’s Pain & Rehabilitation Centre,
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Did you know one in five Canadians suffer from chronic pain? Unfortunately, this includes children, with one in five youth reporting chronic pain.

Continue reading to learn about the gold standard for treatment and how the Alberta Children’s Hospital is approaching care for children with complex pain.
New: Practice Guide for Sickle Cell Trait

TOP has partnered with the Alberta Health Services Newborn Metabolic Screening Program to develop the *Practice Guide for Sickle Cell Trait (SCT) Identified in Newborn Screening*. This guide provides advice to health care providers for when they receive notification a newborn in their care is an SCT carrier. Key features of the guide include:

- Background information about sickle cell disease and SCT.
- Health expectations for people with SCT and implications for other family members.
- Resources for health care providers, patients and families.

Serve on the HBTF Board of Trustees

The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2019**.

The AMA is seeking applications for its AMA Health Benefits Trust Fund (HBTF) Board of Trustees. The AMA HBTF Board of Trustees meets twice per year, with meetings occurring in March and early July.

Our online application process makes it easy to apply! Visit the [AMA Committees web page](#) and log in to view details of this position and apply.

CII/CPAR: Early adopters tell all!

Clinics using both Community Information Integration (CII) and Central Patient Attachment Registry (CPAR) have been live since the beginning of 2019 and there are close to 30 participating clinics. Recently at the Primary Care Network Strategic Leadership Forum, representatives from the first clinics in Leduc Beaumont Devon and Camrose PCNs shared some of the early experiences.
5 tax tips you may not know about

As the deadline to file taxes approaches (April 30!), we're all looking for ways to save money and optimize our returns. Here are five tax tips you may not have heard of yet.

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How does the environment affect health?

The Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) is hosting a lecture delivered by Dr. Joe Vipond entitled 'Climate Health: the medical professional's role in the world's crisis.'

- **Date and time**: April 30, 6:30 p.m.
- **Location**: Edmonton Clinical Health Academy (ECHA 2-490). Event will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend in-person.
- **Cost**: event is free to attend

This event is sponsored by CAPE - Alberta Chapter.
Don’t forget!
Nominations due May 15:

AMA Achievement Awards (Medal for Distinguished Service or Medal of Honor)

Top stories from our last issue

The top stories from the April 4 issue of MD Scope were:

- Federal Budget 2019
- Alberta Antenatal Pathway now available

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In the April 18, 2019 MD Scope Classifieds you'll find listings for:

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