Apply to join the Healthy Working Environments Advisory Committee

The AMA Board has launched a new initiative toward Healthy Working Environments (HWE) and is looking for members to join the Healthy Working Environments Advisory Committee. Learn more about the committee and apply. Applications close May 31.

The AMA’s Healthy Working Environments Framework was developed to highlight the three components of Healthy Working Environments:

1. **Diversity and Inclusion**: April was Celebrate Diversity Month in Canada, illustrating the increasing importance of this topic in organizations and society. A healthy workplace should provide an open, accessible and accepting environment that strives for equity and embraces, respects and values our differences. Inclusive cultures further strengthen our profession, while enhancing clinical outcomes.

2. **Leadership**: Leadership enables HWE through modeling, advocacy and support. Leadership is also accountable for promoting equitable and respectful work environments and responding to issues and challenges in order to sustain HWE.

3. **Psycho-Social Wellness and Safety**: These elements strongly relate to a Just Culture with its system of shared accountability – within an open learning environment. The announcement of the AMA/CMA Well Doc collaboration under our new Memorandum of Understanding is an early and important step under this component of the HWE framework.

Learn more about the committee and apply
Introducing the AMA mobile app!

The AMA App is our latest in digital innovation for members. Use the app to access your favorite AMA digital content; at your fingertips and on the go including:

- Fee Navigator®
- President's Letter
- AMA news and events
- News for Docs
- AMA Discussion Board
- Votes and surveys
- Your membership information
- …and more!

Plus, with biometric logins you don’t need to remember your password every time. It’s an easier and quicker way to stay on top of AMA services and updates.

Available in the Apple/Android app stores. Just search ‘Alberta Medical Association’ then log in with your AMA website credentials. Need help? Please contact the AMA Help Desk.

The AMA app is in its early stages and will continue to evolve over time as we receive feedback. Let us know what you think at webmaster@albertadoctors.org.

Dr. Paul Boucher is AMA’s President-Elect

Dr. Paul Boucher has been acclaimed to the position of Alberta Medical Association President-Elect for 2019-20. Dr. Boucher will assume the President-Elect role on September 28, at the close of the Fall 2019 Representative Forum meeting.

Learn more about Dr. Boucher (login required)
Three AMA change management programs now merged into one

The 2018-20 AMA Agreement brought stability to all AMA programs, including our three former independent change management programs: Practice Management Program, Towards Optimized Practice and the PCN Program Management Office.

On November 1, 2018 these three programs officially merged into one and we are pleased to announce its name: Accelerating Change Transformation Team or ACTT.

University of Calgary resident physicians recognized for wellness efforts

Congratulations to University of Calgary resident physicians Drs. Jeffrey McCarthy and Darby Ewashina on being recognized for their dedication to resident physician health and wellness. Scroll to page six of the January 2019 issue of the University of Calgary’s PGMEpost to learn more.

Drs. McCarthy and Ewashina join University of Alberta resident, Dr. Zafrina Poonja, as the inaugural recipients of the annual Dr. Marnie Hinton Award for Resident Physician Health. The award, jointly sponsored by the Alberta Medical Association’s Physician and Family Support Program and the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta, is presented annually to medical residents with a demonstrated interest in physician health. The awards are made twice a year: the first in the spring to a University of Alberta resident physician and the second later in the year to two resident physicians from the University of Calgary. Contact PFSPadmin@albertadoctors.org for more information.
Do you have AMA member-preferred rates from TD Insurance Meloche Monnex?

To ensure the fastest possible service when contacting TDIMM, be sure to use the AMA's exclusive toll-free line: 1.844.859.6566.

Through this line you will reach the team of dedicated analysts that support AMA members through the AMA/TDIMM insurance affinity agreement.

You may also visit www.tdinsurance.com/ama where you can login to review your policy, make changes or check on the status of a claim.

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Do you need to order that Pre-Op X-ray?

When determining if a preoperative chest X-ray is warranted, be sure to review clinical indications first. Routine admission or preoperative chest X-rays are not recommended for ambulatory patients without specific reasons suggested by the history and/or physical examination findings.

Reducing the number of unnecessary preoperative chest X-rays will:

- Provide opportunities for other priority imaging procedures.
- Reduce patient travel, time and anxiety experienced as a result of unnecessary tests.
- Minimize potential surgery delays due to additional testing.
- Reduce radiation exposure for patients.

Learn more
Meet us in Red Deer for the 92nd Annual North/South Doctors’ Golf Tournament!

Registration closes June 12, 12 p.m.

On Monday, June 17, head over to the prestigious Red Deer Golf and Country Club for 18 holes of premium golf (your choice of stroke or scramble play), two hot and delicious meals, excellent prizes, souvenirs, sponsor offerings and more.

This important charitable event is Alberta's longest-running golf tournament and all proceeds and sponsorship dollars raised directly fund medical student bursaries.

Help support the next generation of physicians by registering today.

Register online

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Students: Need to travel for your elective?

We want to help you get there! The ADIUM Student Elective Travel Grant is accepting applications for the 2019 grant. The grant helps AMA medical student members defray the high costs of necessary travel to complete electives, whether within Alberta, across Canada or internationally.

Learn more and apply
Opioids Don't Discriminate: An Interactive Experience

From April 30 to May 3, Strathcona County Family & Community Services hosted an interactive experience that profiled local opioid-use statistics while inviting participants to walk through three different narratives based on real-life experiences. The overall goal of the experience is to "reduce stigma about people who use opioids, build empathy and awareness by humanizing opioid use statistics and provide local support and resource information."

While this exhibit has ended, there are plans to bring it to other Alberta communities including Red Deer, Lethbridge and Edmonton. If you wish to have this exhibit in your community, there are do-it-yourself kits in development for launch in fall 2019. Please check the Strathcona County website for updates.

Learn more about the interactive experience

Help shape the future of MD

Earlier this year, MD Financial Management (MD) announced its intention to form the MD Physician Council: a diverse group of family physicians, specialists and other key influencers who will collectively advise MD on product offerings and help better clarify the pain points that physicians experience throughout their careers. MD’s goal is to make decisions with physicians, not for them, so that MD Advisors* can consistently meet physician needs.

Before moving forward with forming the council, MD is requesting physician input through a five-minute survey. There is an option to submit contact information for those who are interested in joining the council. Survey responses are due May 27.

Take the survey
* MD Advisor refers to an MD Management Limited Financial Consultant or Investment Advisor (in Quebec), or an MD Private Investment Counsel Portfolio Manager.

MD Financial Management provides financial products and services, the MD Family of Funds and investment counselling services through the MD Group of Companies. For a detailed list of these companies, visit md.ca. MD Financial Management is a proud sponsor of the AMA Youth Run Club.

Top stories from our last issue

The top story from the May 2 issue of MD Scope was:

- Managing apathy in Alzheimer's-type dementia

MD Scope Classifieds

In the May 16, 2019, MD Scope Classifieds you'll find listings for:

- Locums wanted
- Physicians wanted
- Space available
- For sale
- Services

View MD Scope Classifieds
Are you enrolled in a clinical alternative relationship plan or considering it?

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If you have questions, we can help!
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