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## **CMA STANDING COUNCILS & COMMITTEES**

### **PURPOSE / RESPONSIBILITIES**

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#### **CMA DEPENDS ON THE EXPERTISE OF ITS MEMBERS TO MAKE SMART POLICY CHOICES.**

*Please contact the Medical Society office regarding nomination to  
CMA Council and SubCommittees*

In October 2013, the California Medical Association (CMA) House of Delegates approved expansive restructuring of CMA's governance system including a refocusing role of the House of Delegates, delegation of greater policy-making responsibilities to the Board of Trustees, and revamping of CMA's council and committee structure to equip these bodies for a greater role as drivers of CMA policy making.

#### **CMA's Councils and Subcommittees consist of the following:**

##### **COUNCIL ON ETHICAL, LEGAL AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS**

The CMA Council on Ethical, Legal and Judicial Affairs studies and makes recommendations concerning evolving social and philosophical trends and issues that are of immediate or long-term concern to the medical profession, with emphasis on medical ethics, bio-ethics and attendant areas. This council functions as an appellate body for the purpose of hearing and deciding appeals of disciplinary actions taken by component medical societies; is responsible for interpreting the CMA Articles of Incorporation and the CMA Bylaws in any issue or dispute referred to it by the Board of Trustees or by the House of Delegates; and is responsible for the enforcement of CMA's conflict of interest policy as provided in that policy.

The Council on Ethical, Legal and Judicial Affairs also serves as a reference committee of the House of Delegates if and when an issue of House business has been assigned to it by the Speaker and the Committee of Delegation Chairs. These responsibilities shall include studying, soliciting testimony and making recommendations to the Board of Trustees on submitted resolutions in its issue areas

##### **SUBCOMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY**

The CMA Subcommittee on Professional Liability identifies, reviews and makes appropriate policy recommendations on all issues related to physicians' civil liability for professional conduct, including indemnification and operation of the civil liability system. This subcommittee reports back to the Council on Ethical, Legal and Judicial Affairs.

##### **COUNCIL ON HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND QUALITY OF CARE**

The CMA Council on Health Professions and Quality of Care studies and makes recommendations concerning licensing, discipline, scope of practice, physician workforce, medical education, health facility, organized medical staffs and quality of care.

The Council on Health Professions and Quality of Care also serves as a reference committee of the House of Delegates if and when an issue of House business has been assigned to it by the Speaker and the Committee of Delegation Chairs. These responsibilities shall include studying, soliciting testimony and making recommendations to the Board of Trustees on submitted resolutions in its issue areas.

##### **SUBCOMMITTEE ON CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION.**

The CMA Subcommittee on Continuing Medical Education (CME) studies and makes recommendations regarding the accreditation of CME providers and the certification of CME programs. This subcommittee reports back to the Council on Health Professions and Quality of Care.

##### **COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION**

The CMA Council on Legislation formulates policy recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding positions on legislation pending in the State Legislature that impact physicians and the practice of medicine in California.

**COUNCIL ON MEDICAL SERVICES**

The CMA Council on Medical Services studies and makes recommendations concerning medical service financing and delivery, cost and quality reporting, insurance and reimbursement, managed care, IT and practice management issues.

The Council on Medical Services also serves as a reference committee of the House of Delegates if and when an issue of House business has been assigned to it by the Speaker and the Committee of Delegation Chairs. These responsibilities shall include studying, soliciting testimony and making recommendations to the Board of Trustees on submitted resolutions in its issue areas.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.** The CMA Subcommittee on Health Information Technology (HIT) studies and makes recommendations regarding the strategic use of information technology within the health care system. This subcommittee reports back to the Council on Medical Services.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON MEDI-CAL.** The CMA Subcommittee on Medi-Cal studies and makes recommendations regarding Medi-Cal. This subcommittee reports back to the Council on Medical Services.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON MEDICARE.** The CMA Subcommittee on Medicare studies and makes recommendations regarding Medicare. This subcommittee reports back to the Council on Medical Services.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION.** The CMA Subcommittee on Workers' Compensation studies and makes recommendations regarding California's Workers' Compensation system. This subcommittee reports back to the Council on Medical Services.

**COUNCIL ON MEMBERSHIP, GOVERNANCE AND BYLAWS**

The CMA Council on Membership, Governance and Bylaws studies and makes recommendations concerning CMA membership, governance and bylaws issues.

The Council on Membership, Governance and Bylaws also serves as a reference committee of the House of Delegates if and when an issue of House business has been assigned to it by the Speaker and the Committee of Delegation Chairs. These responsibilities shall include studying, soliciting testimony and making recommendations to the Board of Trustees on submitted resolutions in its issue areas.

**COUNCIL ON SCIENCE AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

The CMA Council on Science and Public Health studies and makes recommendations concerning public health (e.g. infectious disease, immunizations, tobacco control, substance abuse, environmental contaminants, etc.) and scientific/clinical issues.

The Council on Science and Public Health also serves as a reference committee of the House of Delegates if and when an issue of House business has been assigned to it by the Speaker and the Committee of Delegation Chairs. These responsibilities shall include studying, soliciting testimony and making recommendations to the Board of Trustees on submitted resolutions in its issue areas.

**JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (JEDI) COMMITTEE.** Focused on issues relating to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. The committee will continue its work of merging the principles of equity and justice into an equity and justice statement for the Board to consider for adoption as CMA policy.

***Refer to the following website for list of current committee members:***

***<http://www.cmadoocs.org/about/councils-and-subcommittees/>***