

AMPAC 2011 political education programs

The American Medical Political Action Committee will host its annual Candidate Workshop on February 18–20, 2011, in Pentagon City, Virginia. The Workshop is designed for AMA members and their spouses who are considering a run for public office. It includes training on campaign strategy and media advertising as well as hands-on sessions in public speaking and fundraising.

AMPAC will conduct its annual Campaign School April 13–17, 2011, also in Pentagon City. The School is designed for AMA members who wish to become involved in the political process as advocates and volunteers for medicine-friendly candidates. The School is organized around a simulated congressional campaign. Participants are assigned to campaign “staff” teams and attend daily lectures on campaign strategy, media advertising, and political fundraising. Each team participates in nightly exercises such as creating a campaign strategy, taping a radio commercial, and writing a political fundraising letter.

For both programs, all costs for AMA members, except transportation to the Washington, DC metro area, are borne by AMPAC.

For more information on these programs and applications, please see AMPAC's new online registration form at: www.ampaonline.org/political-education/apply or contact Jim Wilson, Political Education Programs Manager, at jim.wilson@ama-assn.org. ❖

AMA resources for physicians

Practice management

Health IT information and tools, private payer and practice management tips, clinical quality and patient safety, RBRVS, Online Data Collection Center, DoctorFinder, and CPT codes. www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/solutions-managing-your-practice.shtml

Clinical practice improvement

With a longstanding commitment to clinical quality improvement and patient safety, the AMA works to apply science to medicine in ways that help you ensure patients receive the highest-quality care. www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/clinical-practice-improvement.shtml

Continuing medical education (CME)

A physician's continuing medical education and professional development is critical to keeping up with advances in medicine and with changes in the delivery of care. www.ama-assn.org/go/cme

Medical ethics

If you're looking for guidance or insight to ethical issues in medicine today, the AMA Medical Ethics Group offers relevant resources to help you. www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/medical-ethics.shtml

Medical science

The AMA keeps you in touch with the latest news and information about the science behind the practice of medicine. www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/medical-science.shtml

Public health

News and updates about H1N1 flu virus, promoting health lifestyles, health disparities, disaster response, geriatric and adolescent health, violence prevention, and obesity. www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/public-health.shtml

Physician health

Research, news, and resources for physicians pertaining to their own personal health. www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/physician-health.shtml

Patient Education Materials

Health literacy resources and program patient information about foodborne illnesses, vaccines, driver safety, online health records, visual aids for the human body. www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/patient-education-materials.shtml

Legal issues

Guidance from the AMA's Office of General Counsel about business and management issues such as physician payment and professional liability insurance (Please note the information provided on this site does not constitute legal advice.) www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/legal-topics.shtml