



# 2015 AMA Interim Meeting Report

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# MedChi Resolutions

- ▶ **There were no Resolutions to AMA submitted from our MedChi HOD during this Interim meeting**

Follow up on MedChi resolution in A-15

- ▶ **Res. 425 “Ban on Powdered Alcohol”**
  - ▶ **This Resolution was referred to the Board and will likely go to the Council on Science and Public Health, the council on which Dr. Smoller is a member.**
  - ▶ **There was no report back at I-15**

# Interim 2015 Major Moments

- ▶ Issues of Continued Interest from Interim 15 (I15)
  - ▶ AMA Code of Medical Ethics
    - ▶ All are requested to review the document and comment in next 60 days. It is expect to be presented again at A 16 for adoption in its entirety (see next slides)
  - ▶ New Parliamentary Authority
    - ▶ Special committee has been established to bring forward the areas that are most “different” from the process the HOD has used up to now (see next slides)
  - ▶ Maintenance of Certification and Licensing (MOC and MOL)
    - ▶ Continues to be of concern and closely monitored
  - ▶ We are Proud of the action taken by YPS, RFS and MSS member on Planned Parenthood Resolution
    - ▶ They actively Worked to avoid making the care of women and children a political issue vs. providing access to quality healthcare for all. Kudos!

# AMA Code of Medical Ethics

- ▶ Code of Medical Ethics Revised
  - ▶ This has been worked on for the past 3-4 years by CEJA; Major concern is the use of the Code as a legal document against physicians by legal entities.
  - ▶ It was resolved that caucuses/states will divide the document up and have delegations make edits/suggestions etc. that will be presented and deliberated with CEJA by A-16

# AMA Code of Medical Ethics

- The draft Code is again posted at [www.ama-assn.org/go/cejaforum](http://www.ama-assn.org/go/cejaforum), and readers may download, save, print, and annotate individual chapters or the entire draft modernized Code. Please remember that as draft policy not yet adopted by the House of Delegates, these materials are confidential and should not be circulated or quoted.

Readers may submit comments in several ways:

- By posting a comment to the relevant discussion thread at [www.ama-assn.org/go/cejaforum](http://www.ama-assn.org/go/cejaforum) online;
- By sending comments in an email to Bette Crigger, council secretary, at [bette.crigger@ama-assn.org](mailto:bette.crigger@ama-assn.org);
- By emailing scans of marked up pages to [bette.crigger@ama-assn.org](mailto:bette.crigger@ama-assn.org) or
- By faxing marked up pages to council staff at 312-224-6911.

Please submit comments no later than **March 1, 2016**, to ensure that the council will have them available to discuss at its next scheduled meeting.

For additional information or assistance, contact Bette Crigger, [bette.crigger@ama-assn.org](mailto:bette.crigger@ama-assn.org) or 312-464-5223.

# New Parliamentary Authority

- ▶ New Parliamentary authority was ushered in with the change in Speaker and Vice speaker
  - 1) Change was needed as the old authority was going out of print
  - 2) There are changes that the HOD is not familiar with and could and did cause problems: Tabling an item: KILLS it
  - 3) **The Speakers established a Task Force to reconcile the differences between the old and new authorities.**

**Stay tuned in June!**

# Recent and Ongoing Issues of MedChi AND AMA Concern

- ▶ **Consolidation of hospitals and insurance mergers** and its impact on the physician network available to patients and the cost of insurance for communities that can least afford rate hikes.
- ▶ **Meaningful use of EHRs, interoperability** and cost to buy new systems being imposed on physicians by hospital systems and insurers.

# CONGRATUATIONS: November 2015 MEDICAL STUDENT SECTION NATIONAL ELECTIONS (IN OUR REGION)!

- ▶ **Omar Z. Maniya** was elected to the **AMA's Board of Trustees**. Omar is currently an MD/MBA student at Georgetown University School of Medicine & Harvard Business School.
- ▶ **Regina Cho**, a second-year medical student at Johns Hopkins, was elected as a **Region 6 Delegate for the AMA Medical Student Section** at the 2015 AMA Interim Conference. She looks forward to serving the medical students of Region 6, which includes Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. She is an active member of our MedChi Board and the Legislative Committee.
- ▶ **Ashtin Jeney**, a second-year medical student at the George Washington University in D.C., who was elected as the Region 6 alternate delegate.



# General Meeting News

- ▶ **Congressman Dr. Tom Price MD**, Republican from Georgia, serving his 10<sup>th</sup> term in the House and incoming Chair of House Budget Committee again talked to the SE breakfast about what he thought may happen. He was instrumental in the repeal of the SGR last year. He encouraged physicians to run for office. He continues to sponsor legislation supported by AMA.

# Thank You

- ▶ As always, we are grateful for the great staff work of Debbie Sciabarrasi before and during the meeting, and I am also grateful for all the excellent work done by your delegation at the meeting.
- ▶ Thanks to the MedChi House of Delegates for sending such a great delegation to AMA from Maryland.
- ▶ You have our heartfelt thank you for the opportunity to serve. Our team IS the little engine that Could!