

# TEXAS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEMBER BENEFITS



The TMA Knowledge Center provides our group access to cutting-edge research and health care information we trust and rely on. The value of TMA's expertise alone is immeasurable.

– Stephen J. Dewan, MD  
*Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeons, Austin*



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# ADVOCACY

*TMA works tirelessly to protect patients and strengthen your profession.*

## IN AUSTIN AND WASHINGTON, DC, TMA:

- Fights onerous regulations;
- Ensures appropriate funding for physician services;
- Protects physicians' independent medical judgment;
- Rejects attacks on historic liability reforms in Texas;
- Improves access to care; and
- Advocates for public health.

## IN THE COURTS, TMA:

- Opposes scope of practice expansion to nonphysicians;
- Enforces payment and network standards by health plans;
- Protects physicians right to autonomous medical decisions;
- Ensures protections afforded by peer review privilege; and
- Stands against rights infringement.

[texmed.org/Advocacy](http://texmed.org/Advocacy)

MEMBERS  
MADE  
MORE THAN  
**1,350**  
IN-PERSON  
MEETINGS WITH  
LEGISLATORS,  
IN 2019.

## CAREER SUPPORT

*Help for advancing your career and meeting licensure requirements.*

- **TMA Leadership College:** Empowers young physicians to serve as leaders within their communities and their profession.
- **TMA Career Center:** View and post job opportunities and services.
- **TexMed, Fall, and Winter Conferences:** Choose from more than 80 hours of free CME and network with colleagues.
- **TMA Education Center:** Access hundreds of hours of free and discounted seminars, webcasts, on-demand programs, and publications – including more than 70 ethics courses.

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MEMBERS  
NOW RECEIVE  
**HUNDREDS OF  
HOURS OF  
FREE CME,**  
THANKS TO  
THE GENEROUS  
SUPPORT OF  
TMA INSURANCE  
TRUST.



## TECHNOLOGY

*Tools to streamline your workflow.*

- **Electronic Health Record (EHR) Tools:** Easily compare EHR vendor services.
- **EHR Implementation Guide, 4th Edition:** Discover effective health information technology (HIT) strategies.
- **Cyber Security Resource Center:** Offers resources to protect your practice from cyber security threats.
- **HIT Helpline:** Receive help with EHR selection, implementation, and incentives, Regional Extension Center services, and e-prescribing.
- **DocbookMD:** Send HIPAA-secure, cross-practice communications and documents via a free smartphone app.

[texmed.org/HIT](http://texmed.org/HIT)

MORE THAN  
**14,900**  
VISITS TO  
TMA'S HEALTH  
INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY  
RESOURCE  
CENTER.\*

\*Since inception.

# PRACTICE HELP

## *Resources to assist with managing your practice.*

- **Hassle Factor Log:** Resolve insurance-related payment problems.
- **Practice Consulting:** Expert advice on everything from financial operations to HIPAA risk assessments.
- **Starting a Medical Practice Program:** Tips for launching your practice and staying on track.
- **Endorsed and Discount Vendors:** Exclusive discounts on more than 20 services.
- **Billing and Coding Hotline:** Certified coders answer your regulatory compliance and payment issues.
- **Clinical Quality Resources:** Information on reporting requirements, payments, and penalties.
- **Texas Medical Liability Trust:** Comprehensive medical liability coverage.
- **TMA Insurance Trust:** Insurance coverage and retirement plans for physicians and staff.

[texmed.org/PracticeHelp](http://texmed.org/PracticeHelp)

MEMBERS  
**RECOVERED  
MORE THAN  
\$2.3 MILLION**  
USING TMA'S  
HASSLE  
FACTOR LOG  
IN 2018.



THE TMA  
FOUNDATION  
HAS  
PROVIDED  
**\$8.2 MILLION**  
IN GRANTS  
TO TMA  
INITIATIVES.

*\*Since inception.*

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## *Programs to help improve the health of your community.*

- **Be Wise – Immunize<sup>SM</sup>:** Improves vaccination rates through hands-on immunization clinics.
- **Hard Hats for Little Heads:** Donates bicycle helmets to Texas children.
- **Walk With a Doc:** Encourages healthy physical activity through physician-led walks.
- **TMA Foundation (TMAF):** Provides hundreds of thousands of dollars in public health grants and student scholarships.

Be Wise – Immunize is a service mark of the Texas Medical Association.

[texmed.org/CommunityOutreach](http://texmed.org/CommunityOutreach)

# INFORMATION

## *Benefits to keep you in the know.*

- **TMA Knowledge Center:** Knowledge Center experts can answer your toughest questions – from health law to medical economics – at no cost to you.
- **Texas Medicine Magazine:** Read TMA's monthly magazine for coverage on public health, medicolegal issues, medical economics, science, education, and legislative affairs.
- **Texas Medicine Today:** A daily e-newsletter that can be customized to your interests.
- **Deadlines for Doctors:** Keep track of upcoming state and federal compliance deadlines.
- **TMA Blog (MeAndMyDoctor.com):** a forum for patients and doctors to have a candid dialog about health care issues.
- **Legislative News Hotline:** Stay apprised of the latest Texas legislative actions affecting medicine through this email roundup.

[texmed.org/Information](http://texmed.org/Information)

MORE THAN  
**12,500**  
QUESTIONS  
ANSWERED  
BY THE TMA  
KNOWLEDGE  
CENTER  
IN 2018.

# HOW FAR DOES YOUR DUES INVESTMENT GO?

TMA represents 53,000 Texas physicians and medical student members.



"TMA and TMA Foundation help our smaller county offer community programming that we couldn't provide without their support. TMA's education, information, and legislative updates are also invaluable to me and my practice."

- Amanda Green, MD

**Amanda Green, MD, gained a 1,163-percent return on her combined TMA and county society dues investment.\***

## Information

- Free access to online medical journals and databases .....\$1,000
- Free research by the TMA Knowledge Center (4 requests).....\$180

## Advocacy

- Annual tax cut for all licensed physicians ....\$200
- Free health system reform analysis .....\$150

## Technology

- Free DocbookMD mobile app and physician directory .....\$49

## Education

- Free TMA-sponsored continuing medical education (7 hours) .....\$175
- Free and discounted publications.....\$150

## Public Health Outreach

- Organize Walk With a Doc community program (2 times).....\$8,200

**TOTAL VALUE OF TMA MEMBERSHIP .....\$10,104**



**Engaged members of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeons gained a 117-percent return on their combined TMA and county society dues investment.\*\***

## Practice Help

- Access to exclusive TMA member discounts .....\$1,920

## Advocacy

- Annual tax cut for all licensed physicians .....\$5,400
- Free health system reform analysis .....\$4,050

## Information

- Free access to online medical journals and databases .....\$27,000
- Free research by the TMA Knowledge Center (15 requests) .....\$675
- Free access to TMA's Coding and Billing Hotline (1 request) .....\$30

## Technology

- Free DocbookMD mobile app and physician directory .....\$931

## Education

- Free TMA-sponsored continuing medical education (5 hours) .....\$125
- Free and discounted publications.....\$4,050
- Access to TMA's annual conferences .....\$1,650

**TOTAL VALUE OF THE GROUP'S TMA MEMBERSHIP .....\$45,831**

\*Based on average combined dues of \$800 \*\*Value based on per-member average



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## QUESTIONS?

Contact the TMA Knowledge Center at (800) 880-7955 or [knowledge@texmed.org](mailto:knowledge@texmed.org)

