



Stop by our table at the Student Organization Fair on Wednesday 8/10 to apply for AMA/TMA membership

AMA Membership Benefits (\$68 for 4 years works out to less than 5 cents a day!)

- Your choice of a complimentary Gross Anatomy Dissection Kit or Stedman's Medical Dictionary
- Complimentary 1-year subscription to the Journal of the American Medical Association (*JAMA*)
- National leadership opportunities on various committees, councils, or the Governing Council
- Subsidized travel and accommodations to national meetings (next one is in Dallas in November)
- Advocacy opportunities (e.g. Lobby Day in Washington, DC) for issues important to us medical students (including more funded residency slots in Texas, loan deferrals, etc)
- Exciting volunteer opportunities at the local health science museum, a health clinic for Spanish-speaking patients, and much more
- Expert assistance during residency application process
- Membership in the nation's largest medical organization, which grows with you as you progress through residency and your career as a future physician

UT-Houston AMA/TMA Chapter Leadership Opportunities (open to incoming students!)

- Chapter Secretary (attend and take notes at all chapter and officer meetings; time commitment: 1-2 meetings per month)
- Chapter Alternate AMA Delegate (represent UT-Houston at the national AMA Interim Meeting in Dallas from Thursday 11/3 – Saturday 11/5)
- Chapter Alternate TMA Delegate (represent UT-Houston at the state-wide TMA Summit Meeting in Austin from Friday 9/16 – Saturday 9/17)
- Student Representative to a Harris County Medical Society (HCMS) Committee (attend monthly meetings of HCMS committee, email a 1-paragraph report to the Chapter President after each meeting, and update Chapter on committee news at next Chapter meeting)
 - Board on Socioeconomics: Stays abreast of socioeconomic matters affecting the profession and keeps the membership informed through appropriate venues.
 - Board of Medical Legislation: Stays abreast of legislative matters and proposals affecting the profession and keeps the membership informed through appropriate channels.
 - Managed Care Committee: Meeting every other month to discuss and find solutions to managed care issues. Provides experience for physicians interested in election to the Board on Socioeconomics.

Important Dates (mark your calendars!)

- Thursday 8/18 from Noon-1pm in MSB 2.006 (First AMA/TMA Chapter Meeting)
- Tuesday 8/23 from 4-6pm on the lawn in front of the HAM/TMC Jesse Jones Library, next to the MSB (Harris County Medical Society Mixer for incoming UTH and BCM students – free food and beer)
- Friday 9/16 – Saturday 9/17 in Austin (state-wide TMA Summit Meeting)
 - Student volunteer project, business meeting, social issues task force, networking with other Texas medical students and physicians (<http://www.texmed.org/Template.aspx?id=3954>)
- Friday 10/21 – Saturday 10/22 in New Orleans (AMA Region III Conference)
 - Speakers on advocacy in medicine, activities in New Orleans, and election of Region III Chair and Vice-Chair (<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/6978.html>)
- Thursday 11/3 – Saturday 11/5 in Dallas (national AMA Interim Meeting)
 - National student research poster competition, national service project, various workshops (including how to survive medical school, information on student loan consolidation, how to prepare for residency, how to write a resolution, and much more), and election of Governing Council Chair (<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/28.html>)

Questions or comments? Contact Chirag Patel, Chapter President, at cpatel1@uth.tmc.edu