

MAA President Letter

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I am honored and excited to serve as the 2024-2025 President of the Medical Association of Atlanta (MAA). I have practiced internal medicine for 24 years, joining the MAA Board in 2013, and was elected to the Executive Committee in 2021. I started practicing at Piedmont Healthcare in Atlanta in 2000, and in 2015 co-founded Piedmont Internal Medicine, P.C., where I have practiced since. My three strategic priorities this year are to increase the effectiveness of physician advocacy, increase the value of MAA membership, and recruit new MAA members.

In private practice and as an employed doctor, I have recognized the importance of physician advocacy. In my years of involvement in organized medicine I have seen major wins with tort reform, limiting scope expansion in allied health professions, expanding health insurance coverage, and preserving physician autonomy. All physicians should dedicate time at some point in their careers to advocating for improving patient care and the conditions in which we practice. I believe there are at least three main ways to do this (I participate in all three!): participating in one's specialty society, becoming an active member of MAA and participating in the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) and MAG events.

Because many issues are specific to our specialties, our specialty societies help us to address those unique needs. Because patients, legislators, and regulators need to hear a unified message that represents all doctors, it is important to form consensus with other specialties. That takes place annually at MAG's House of Delegates, where representative physicians (delegates) from all specialties and county medical societies (such as MAA) meet to form policy resolutions. If requested, resolutions that pass can be submitted to the American Medical Association (AMA) for further national action. This is accomplished with AMA delegates representing MAG. To become a MAG delegate, you must be nominated by your specialty or county medical society (such as MAA).

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The Medical Association of Atlanta (MAA) is a non-profit association founded in 1854 dedicated to the advancement of organized medicine in the Atlanta, GA area. MAA membership is made up of the most actively-involved participants in organized medicine who have united their individual voices and efforts into one cohesive body of progress, representing the new face of organized medicine in areas of legislation, community service, and individual patient care.



SAVE THE DATE

MAA Fall Social
 November 14, 2024
 Tucker Brewing
 6:30pm - 9:30pm
 Drinks & Appetizers



MAA Spring Social
 March 26, 2025
 Bold Monk Brewing
 6:30pm - 9:30pm
 Drinks & Appetizers



FREE EVENTS
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EVENTS

MAA Summer Gala

The MAA hosted the MAA Summer Gala at Zoo Atlanta on July 13th. Members, sponsors and guests had a great night celebrating another year of MAA membership and the introduction of our new Executive Committee.



MORE PHOTOS HERE

EVENTS

MAA Board Retreat

The MAA Board of Directors was hard at work August 9-11 at Brasstown Valley Resort planning the year ahead. The Board reviewed member recruitment and engagement, programs and events, and strategy for our advocacy efforts under the direction of our new MAA President Dr. Cody McClatchey.



MAA House of Delegates Caucus Meeting

The MAA hosted a caucus meeting on September 23 in advance of the MAG House of Delegates meeting. If you can join us as a delegate, please click 'Register Now'. We would love your support on October 18-20 in Savannah! MAA Delegates should use the code MAA2024HOD to pay for the all-inclusive Delegate Registration.



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EVENTS

Joint Meeting

The MAA hosted a joint meeting with Greater Cobb County Medical Society on September 11 at the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center featuring guest speaker Anant Madabhushi covering Artificial Intelligence for Precision Medicine.



'ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR PRECISION MEDICINE: BEYOND THE HYPE'
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JOINT MEETING



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AWARDS, HONORS, PUBLICATIONS



Dr. Carmen Kavali

Dr. Carmen Kavali's work leading Physicians for Patient Protection recognized in 'Bloomberg Businessweek' article 'The Miseducation of America's Nurse Practitioners': "They don't merely support doctors—NPs increasingly treat patients independently, including in specialty practices and emergency rooms. When they aren't well trained, the results can be tragic."



Dr. Lawrence Sperling receiving the award from MAA Board Chair Dr. John Johnson.

Dr. Lawrence Sperling, Katz Professor in Preventive Cardiology at the Emory University School of Medicine and Founder, Emory Center for Heart Disease Prevention, won the Aven Cup Award at the MAA Summer Gala. Dr. Sperling received this award for his leadership at The Atlanta Hypertension Initiative (AHI). AHI is an initiative focused on improving equitable hypertension control across metro Atlanta.



Dr. Jin Lee receiving the award from MAA Board Chair Dr. John Johnson.

Dr. Jin Lee, the Associate Program Director for Internal Medicine at Northside Hospital, won the MAA President's Award at the MAA Summer Gala. Dr. Lee received this award due to his efforts recruiting new members, mentoring residents, his leadership and involvement on the MAA Board of Directors, and his attendance and impact at both MAA and Medical Association of Georgia events.



Dr. Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber

Dr. Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber published "Don't I need research to get a residency?" Incorporating scholarly activity at a regional campus' in the Journal of Regional Medical Campuses, Vol. 7, Issue 2 (2024).

Student & Resident News



My name is Taylor James, and I am a second-year medical student at Morehouse School of Medicine. During my first year, I joined the Medical Association of Atlanta (MAA) and attended the Summer Gala. This event highlighted the numerous opportunities the MAA offers to aspiring medical professionals. The Gala was a great experience where I had the chance to interact with seasoned medical professionals and fellow students. It provided a glimpse into the network and support system that the MAA provides.

During the first MAA board meeting I attended, there were sentiments on how the level of student engagement was less than desired. This shocked me because I knew many students who would be interested in the opportunities provided by the MAA. The board's concerns highlighted a significant gap between available resources and students' knowledge of them. After jokingly suggesting the idea of starting a student chapter for the MAA, I realized it could be a practical solution to bridge this gap.

The primary goal of our club is to provide students with timely information about MAA programs and events. We aim to create a supportive community where students can ask questions, share information, build connections, and attend events together. By establishing this club, we are creating a dedicated platform for students to stay informed and engaged with the MAA's offerings.

Chapter Proposals:

- 1. Facilitating Engagement with MAA Physicians:** We aim to organize sessions where MAA physicians can share their expertise, discuss their specialties, and offer valuable advice. These interactions will be incredibly beneficial for students, providing insights into various medical fields and career paths.
- 2. Organizing MAA Student Chapter Events:** Hopefully there may be an event specifically for MAA student chapter members. These events would provide a platform for students to engage in meaningful discussions, ask questions, and build relationships with medical professionals. Such events would enrich the student experience and strengthen the ties between students and the MAA.

This club has the potential to significantly enhance student engagement and professional development. By creating this chapter, we are providing access to valuable opportunities, learning experiences, and connections within the local medical community. We are committed to fostering a community where students can thrive, make the most of the available resources, and build lasting connections with medical professionals. I look forward to seeing our members benefit from the opportunities provided through the MAA and contribute to a stronger, more engaged student body.

Contact Taylor James (tjames@msm.edu) to get involved at Morehouse, contact Shannon Andrada to start a chapter at your medical school!

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MAA Sponsor Submission - Northside Hospital

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MEMBER BENEFIT HIGHLIGHT

Advocacy

MAA members help shape Georgia health policy, weighing in on key issues facing medicine by creating resolutions that impact every aspect of patient care delivery, the business and medicine of healthcare, and physician wellness.

Learn more about MAA Advocacy in the latest MAA Webinar featuring MAA President Dr. Cody McClatchey and MAA Board Member Dr. Christopher McAdams.

[Click here to watch.](#)

ADVOCACY: HOW TO GET INVOLVED & WHY IT MATTERS

FEATURING DR. CODY MCCLATCHEY & DR. CHRISTOPHER MCADAMS



Stay tuned for our upcoming MAA webinars covering Drowning, Elder Care, Menopause, and more! If you have ideas for a webinar we would love to learn more and help facilitate the process! Please contact Shannon Andrada to get started.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

As the largest component society of the Medical Association of Georgia, MAA is committed to its mission to develop leaders to ensure the health and safety of our citizens. We applaud the continued contributions of our members and welcome any Georgia physician seeking to grow as a leader to join us.

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