On September 23 and 24, more than 200 physicians and physicians-in-training will gather at the DoubleTree by Hilton Minneapolis-Park Place in St. Louis Park to help chart the course for medicine in Minnesota.

The MMA’s 2016 Annual Conference will offer sessions on a range of timely and relevant topics that physicians from all clinics and specialties will find useful in daily practice. The conference will feature national keynoters, policy sessions, the ability to earn up to 6.5 CME credits, a talent show, dozens of exhibitors, a poster symposium for medical students and residents, and more.

“It will be an excellent opportunity to meet your colleagues from around the state, learn about the latest innovations in health care and hear how the work you do is changing lives,” says MMA President David Thorson, MD.

Keynote speakers

“HEALTH CARE, REMIXED”
Zubin Damania, MD (aka ZDoggMD), is a Las Vegas physician who mixes medicine and music to entertain and educate. Best known for his ZDoggMD videos, he’ll discuss two topics he’s passionate about—health care reform and preventing physician burnout—and give a live performance.

“IS THERE A BLACK DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?”
Damon Tweedy, MD, author of the New York Times best seller, Black Man in a White Coat, will look at why such a small percentage of physicians in the United States are black and the implications for doctors and patients.

Educational programs

The Annual Conference lineup also includes several educational breakout sessions led by both national and local speakers. They include:

“DIAGNOSTIC ERRORS”
“FUTURE TRENDS – MAYO CENTER FOR INNOVATION”
“IMPLICIT BIAS”
“A HEALTH DISPARITIES PANEL DISCUSSION”
“RESILIENCY: YOUR GUIDE TO STRESS-FREE LIVING”
“THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF OPIOID PRESCRIBING”
“TURNING THE TIDE ON PHYSICIAN BURNOUT”
Policy discussions
Want to talk policy? The conference will offer policy forums on:

**Physician aid-in-dying.** This controversial topic continues to generate debate across the country. Although the MMA has long opposed physician aid-in-dying, it recognizes that physicians’ opinions on the matter may be changing. Help inform the MMA’s position on this important issue.

**Quality measurement.** Measurement drives quality improvement. But how much is too much? Are the various measurement efforts by payers and the state and federal governments accomplishing their goals? Is there a better approach? Share your thoughts and opinions.

**Open issues.** What are the concerns in your practice that keep you awake at night?

How can the MMA address these issues? Join your colleagues for a discussion on a variety of timely and relevant topics.

MMA’s Got Talent
MMA members are talented! Come see your colleagues sing, tell jokes, play guitar and do imitations. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

Poster session
For the third year, the Annual Conference will host a poster session featuring the work of Minnesota medical students, residents and fellows. Attendees will have the chance to view the exhibits, talk with poster creators and vote for a “people’s choice” award winner.

Pre-conference activities
MMA member and longtime Minnesota Public Radio contributor Jon Hallberg, MD, will host his Hippocrates Cafe program the Thursday night before the conference. The show features professional actors and musicians who explore health care topics through song and story. They will focus on readings from *Minnesota Medicine.*

For more details and to register, visit [WWW.MNMED.ORG/AC2016](http://WWW.MNMED.ORG/AC2016).