MMA Policy Committees: Recent/Planned Topics

Membership & Communications

- 2018 Dues Recommendation
- Review of 2016 membership information
- Update of YTD 2017 membership information
- Update Discussion of Membership Strategic Plan
- Dues Discount Recommendation

Medical Practice & Quality

- Health information exchange
- Variation in diagnostic intensity and impact on risk adjustment and quality measurement
- Diagnostic errors
- Minnesota quality measurement priorities
- MinnesotaCare Buy-In (tentative may fit with Council and/or Policy Forum)
- Relationship between physician health & safety and patient safety/satisfaction

Public Health

- Sugar-sweetened beverages
- Native Health
- Healthy living as you age (including dementia)
- Updates from the Minnesota Department of Health (e.g., infectious diseases, immunizations)
- Racial bias in the criminal justice system public health implications
- Mental health services for children
- Antibiotic stewardship
- Community health workers

Ethics & Medical-Legal Affairs

Licensing/regulation of immigrant international medical graduates

MMA Task Forces/Steering Committees

Minnesota Action to Reduce Costs in Healthcare (MARCH) Steering Committee

Charged with looking at issues of health care affordability; initial focus is on prescription drug costs/spending. Initial recommendations adopted by BOT in November 2016.

Health Equity Advisory Group

Charged with guiding implementation of BOT-adopted recommendations from the MMA Disparities Task Force.

Opioid Task Force

Task force reconvened in 2016 to look at a variety of issues, including recommendations from the DHS Opioid Work Group.

Physician Aid-in-Dying Task Force

Work completed October 2016; final report and recommendations to be considered at May 2017 BOT meeting.

POLST (Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment)

MMA convenes a community-based steering committee to support adoption and implementation of Minnesota's POLST form.