Legislative Advocacy
Advocacy for physicians and patients at the state and national levels is a key element of your membership. Members are empowered with the information and support to participate in policy debates.

MSMA advocacy takes place in several forms:
- Writing, proposing, promoting and opposing legislation;
- Testifying before and meeting with legislators and regulators;
- Participating in task forces, advisory groups and commissions.

On a weekly basis during the legislative session you’ll receive the Legislative Report, alerting you to crucial news in the Capitol. Learn more about the legislative process through political advocacy training, effective talking points, and briefings on health care issues. We also encourage you to meet with your legislators and attend legislative committee hearings. Your Association monitors more than 2,000 bills and reams of rules and regulations every year to ensure your voice is heard.

For information about advocacy services, contact Jeff Howell, MSMA’s Director of Governmental Relations, at 800-869-6762 or email jhowell@msma.org. Visit www.msma.org and click on “Advocacy.”

Missouri Medical PAC: Medicine’s Muscle
Join MSMA’s Political Action Committee, a nonpartisan group of physicians working at the local level to support MSMA advocacy and pro-medicine candidates.

Physician of the Day
Join the team of physicians who serve one day at the state Capitol as the official physician on duty for lawmakers and staff during the legislative session.

Legal Resources
The practice of medicine is highly regulated. Whenever you have legal questions, whether it concerns medical records, collaborative practice agreements, or how recent legal decisions may affect your practice, turn to MSMA’s Legal Affairs department for answers.

For more information about medical-legal consultation services, contact Jeff Howell, JD, MSMA’s General Counsel, at 800-869-6762 or email jhowell@msma.org. Visit www.msma.org and click on “Advocacy.”

Physician’s Guide to Law & Medicine
Available exclusively online at www.msma.org to members only and continuously updated, MSMA offers the Physician’s Guide to Law and Medicine to assist members in understanding the laws that affect the practice of medicine.

Representation Before Regulatory & Government Agencies
MSMA members enjoy powerful representation on legislative issues and before regulatory bodies such as the Missouri Board of Healing Arts, Medicare and Medicaid, Missouri Department of Insurance, Missouri’s Quality Improvement Organization, Third-Party Payers, and many more.

Many MSMA physicians volunteer their time to participate in consortiums which shape public health initiatives on obesity, cancer, tobacco, and health literacy.

Contract Review Service
MSMA maintains a list of attorneys who review physician contracts.
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Stay Connected
MSMA keeps you and your colleagues connected to each other, your patients, and organized medicine through an array of multimedia communication vehicles. We keep you apprised of activity in the Missouri legislature, around the state, within local component medical societies, and medical schools. Stay current on rules, regulations, and public policies that affect your profession.

www.msma.org
Stay connected with your Association at www.msma.org to discover all the powerful tools available to you. Our web site features news guides, resources, and information on legislative, scientific, and socioeconomic issues. Pay your dues, and manage your membership data in a secure environment.

Missouri Medicine
Missouri Medicine, MSMA’s award-winning, peer-reviewed bimonthly journal, informs you of the latest medical, scientific, socioeconomic, and technological developments. For your convenience, members have the option of receiving printed copies of all of MSMA’s communications or receiving them in a digital format.

The Legislative Report
During the legislative session members receive the Legislative Report, a weekly review of activities from the Capitol.

Progress Notes
Monthly, members receive Progress Notes, MSMA’s publication that alerts you to current trends in medicine that affect your profession and practice.

Membership Opportunities
Join an MSMA Committee, Task Force or Medical Section
Member participation is an opportunity to build your leadership skills and contribute to physician-directed programs and efforts. Elected, appointed, and volunteer positions are available at both local and state levels. Take advantage of the opportunity to express your opinions and help shape MSMA’s policies.

Active Sections include:
- Organized Medical Staff
- Young Physician
- Resident/Fellow
- International Medical Graduate
- Medical Student

Committees and Commissions include:
- Ethical and Judicial Affairs
- Legislative Affairs
- Political Action
- Medical Economics
- Interspecialty Medicine
- Constitution and Bylaws
- Continuing Education
- Public Affairs
- Publications
- Physicians Health

Become a Delegate
Serving as an MSMA Delegate is an excellent opportunity to be directly involved in the work of the Association. The House of Delegates is the policy-making body of MSMA, and also approves appointments and establishes special committees. The House convenes annually to consider resolutions calling for new policies, legislative action, and public education initiatives. Resolutions can be proposed by delegates, component medical societies, and MSMA sections. Delegates come from all areas of the state and are chosen by component medical societies and sections. If you are interested, contact your local component society leaders.

For more information about the Annual Convention, visit www.msma.org and click on “Education.” To find a leader in your component society, visit www.msma.org and click on “MSMA Headquarters.”
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American Medical Association
The seat of the American Medical Association policy-making is its House of Delegates, where state, local, and specialty society representatives set policy through a consensus-building process that directs the AMA’s work activities and contributes to their long-term vision. MSMA is represented by the Missouri Delegation, comprised of physicians, residents, and students. The Delegation works in collaboration with the Heart of America Caucus (Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas) to prepare for the AMA’s meetings each year.

Medical Student Section
Students from Missouri’s six schools of medicine comprise the MSMA Medical Student Section. Members host recruitment drives, fundraisers, Student White Coat Day at the Missouri Capitol, and attend MSMA and AMA meetings.

Professional Education & Resources
MSMA is the statewide accreditor for more than 30 continuing medical education providers across the state. We monitor the ever-changing environment of CME as required by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education, and produce CME provider education opportunities. At our Annual Convention, MSMA typically offers more than 15 hours of free CME to members, with numerous medical specialties presenting medical programming in conjunction with our Convention. MSMA also sponsors insurance, practice, and risk management workshops around the state.

Be Active in Your Local Component Medical Society
Component medical societies address local concerns, develop grassroots support for issues, and improve the health of their communities. Contact your local component society president or secretary to find out about upcoming meetings and events, or to ask for their recommendation to serve on an MSMA committee or as a Delegate to MSMA’s House of Delegates.

Giving Back & Helping Out: Contribute to the Missouri State Medical Foundation
In addition to $11 million in loans made since 1961 to Missouri medical school students, the Missouri State Medical Foundation supports Missouri medical school students with its scholarship initiatives. Selection criteria include financial need and having graduated from a Missouri high school. The Foundation matches local medical societies’ funds for their own medical school scholarship fund. The MSMA Alliance also plays an active role by raising funds for the Foundation.

MSMA Alliance
Founded over 90 years ago, the MSMA Alliance, the organization of physicians’ spouses, physicians, and affiliate members, is dedicated to making a difference in Missouri communities through awareness and education of health issues.

Planned Giving
Remember MSMA in your estate planning. Three foundations can get you started: the Missouri State Medical Foundation, the Missouri Health Education Foundation, and the Missouri Physicians Health Foundation. Contributions are tax deductible.

For more information about the Medical Student Section, contact Haley Wansing, the MSS Liaison, at 800-869-6762 or email hwansing@msma.org. Visit www.msma.org and click on “MSMA Headquarters.”

For more information about CME, contact Benita Stennis, MSMA’s Director of Scientific Affairs, at 800-869-6762 or email bstennis@msma.org. Visit www.msma.org and click on “Education.”

For more information about the Alliance, contact Lizabeth Fleenor, the Alliance Liaison, at 800-869-6762 or email lfleenor@msma.org. Visit www.msma.org and click on “Alliance.”

For more information about the Foundation, contact Pat Mills, MSMA’s Director of Health Care Finance, at 800-869-6762 or email pmills@msma.org. Visit www.msma.org and click on “MSM Foundation.”

Address gift to specific foundation and mail to MSMA at 113 Madison Street, P.O. Box 1028, Jefferson City, MO 65102. For more information, contact Tom Holloway, MSMA’s Executive Vice President, at 800-869-6762 or email tholloway@msma.org.