

July 15, 2013

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Dear Dr. «LAST_NAME»:

It is my pleasure to inform you that your application for membership in the Harris County Medical Society (HCMS) and Texas Medical Association (TMA) has been approved by the HCMS Board of Ethics.

I encourage you to review the enclosed information on the many benefits HCMS and TMA have to offer. As a member, you will be receiving our newsletter, *Harris County Physician Newsletter*, which provides information on issues and services that affect your practice. You also will be receiving TMA's *Texas Medicine Magazine* and the *HCMS/HAM Pictorial Roster*.

As a member, you now have available valuable information through the HCMS Web site (<u>www.hcms.org</u>) and TMA Web site (<u>www.texmed.org</u>). You also have access into the largest medical library in the southwest, Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library. For more information on library cards and electronic access, contact the HAM-TMC Library at 713-795-4200 or go to the Web site at (<u>www.library.tmc.edu</u>).

As a member, you agree to abide by and be subject to the terms and conditions of the HCMS Bylaws, the TMA Constitution and Bylaws, the American Medical Association Principles of Medical Ethics, and the Ethical Opinions of the TMA Board of Councilors. These rulings can be found on the HCMS Web site at <u>www.hcms.org</u> by clicking the "About HCMS" Web page. You also agree to release and hold harmless from liability or loss, the HCMS, TMA and their officers, employees, agents, and members for acts performed in good faith in connection with evaluating your application and your credentials and qualifications.

If you have any questions about membership benefits or opportunities for participation in a committee, board, or council, please call the HCMS offices at 713-524-4267. We look forward to being of service to you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Noel, MD Chairman, HCMS Board of Ethics

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