



Physicians Caring for Texans



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Member, TMA Subcommittee for Academic Physicians

As the current representative for our institution on Texas Medical Association's Subcommittee for Academic Physicians, I would like to personally invite you to join me as a member of the Texas Medical Association, the only professional physicians' organization in the state that represents **all physicians — in all specialties — across all practice settings.**

This means **TMA is dedicated to serving you.** TMA continues to fight for and win on behalf of Texas physicians on issues that really matter to us. In areas of particular concern in the academic community, such as funding all levels of medical education, TMA monitors legislation to determine its potential impact, and to ensure that Texas remains a premier state in the education of future physicians, support for academic research, and provision of quality patient care.

Additionally, TMA offers:

- Customized updates on issues that are relevant to you as a member of the healing arts and as a teacher of future physicians. Timely topics are covered in e-newsletters such as *It's Academic*, and through our award-winning monthly magazine, *Texas Medicine*.
- Recognition of exceptionally accomplished leaders in academic medicine through the TMA Award for Excellence in Academic Medicine.
- Educational conferences three times per year where academic physicians can receive continuing medical education credit on emerging issues and relevant topics for medical practice in Texas.
- Personalized practice consulting services to help you comply with federal and state regulations, and maximize billing.
- Access to Texas Medical Association Insurance Trust's **long-term disability plan**, a plan most academic physicians feel is superior to others. TMA membership is required to qualify for this coverage.
- Much more: **visit [www.texmed.org/benefits](http://www.texmed.org/benefits)** to see all that TMA has to offer in support of Texas physicians.

**Visit** our website: [www.texmed.org/Subcommittee\\_for\\_Academic\\_Physicians](http://www.texmed.org/Subcommittee_for_Academic_Physicians) to learn more about the subcommittee and our recent activities on behalf of physicians in academic medicine.

**Read** the state's Medical Education and Physician Workforce Consensus Statement, developed by TMA in partnership with our institution and every other Texas academic health center.

**Join TMA** and your local county medical society. On the reverse side, you will find an application for membership in TMA and your county medical society. You can also visit **[www.texmed.org/join](http://www.texmed.org/join)** to apply online.

Funds may be available within your department or our institution to cover the cost of your membership. Please check with your department administrator or chair to see if this is applicable to you.

TMA provides great value to academic physicians, and I welcome your feedback on how we can continue offering distinctive solutions to the challenges you face. Won't you join me as a TMA member, and help shape the future of of Texas medicine?

Sincerely,

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**Texas Medical Association**  
401 West 15th Street  
Austin, TX 78701-1680

# TMA/County Medical Society Membership Application

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**Membership Type:** ☐ Resident ☐ First Year in Practice ☐ Active ☐ Military

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

Name: Last		First	Middle	Suffix	Degree	Gender
<input type="checkbox"/> Office Address (check if this is your preferred contact address)			City	State		ZIP
Work Phone		Work Fax		Work E-mail		
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Address (check if this is your preferred contact address)			City	State		ZIP
Home Phone		Home Fax		Home E-mail		
Date of Birth	Place of Birth (Country)		Texas Medical License #		NPI #	
Marital Status		Spouse's Name		If married, is spouse also a physician?		
Practice Name		Specialty:				
		Primary		Secondary		
Medical School	Degree	Grad. Date	Residency/Fellowship (list most recent)		Specialty	Completion Date

## PRACTICE TYPE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

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|---|--|--|---|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Patient Care              | <input type="checkbox"/> Administration (non-clinical)     | <input type="checkbox"/> Not in Patient Care     | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Employed         | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital NPHO  | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Patient Care and Teaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Full-Time Teaching (non-clinical) | <input type="checkbox"/> Military                | <input type="checkbox"/> Phys.-owned Prac.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Inst. | <input type="checkbox"/> Other   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Patient Care and Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Research (non-clinical)           | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Emp. by Hosp. | <input type="checkbox"/> FQHC           |                                  |

## MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

	Yes	No
Have you ever had an application for membership in a medical society rejected?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been convicted of a crime, other than a non-felony motor vehicle violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has your medical license ever been revoked or suspended?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been subjected to disciplinary action by any of the following?		
Board of Medical Examiners	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
County/State Medical Society	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hospital Medical Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I hereby apply for membership in the \_\_\_\_\_ County Medical Society and Texas Medical Association and, if accepted, agree to abide by and be subject to terms and conditions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society and of the TMA and the Principles of the Medical Ethics of the American Medical Association. In order to process my application for membership, I grant permission and consent for you to obtain from any appropriate source all relevant information concerning my credentials and qualifications.

I understand that if my application for membership is denied by the Board of Censors, I have a right to appeal the denial to the County Medical Society pursuant to the *Hearings Procedure Manual*. I also understand that if my application for membership is denied, based on professional competence or conduct, the County Medical Society must report such a professional review action to the National Practitioner Data Bank through the Texas Medical Board within 15 days of the date that all due process rights have been exhausted.

I also agree that biographical information will be disseminated in accordance with the policy and procedures established by the TMA Board of Trustees unless otherwise directed by me.

Physician Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## APPROVAL OF BOARD CENSORS

The Board of Censors have had the above application under consideration, and: ☐ Approve or ☐ Disapprove on Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and Title **Note: Membership becomes effective when application has been approved and dues have been paid to the association.**

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

A physician becomes a member of the Texas Medical Association when joining the county medical society, since the county society is a component organization chartered by the association. \$20 of TMA active membership dues is for a one-year subscription to *Texas Medicine*. **Dues paid to the county society and TMA are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.** A portion of dues may be deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

- ☐ Check (make payable to Texas Medical Association) ☐ Credit Card: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX
- ☐ Automatic Dues Renewal: By checking "Automatic Dues Renewal," I authorize TMA to retain my credit card information securely and to charge my credit card to pay my membership dues annually.

Name as it appears on card \_\_\_\_\_ Credit card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE SUBMIT PAYMENT WITH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION TO:

Texas Medical Association, 401 W. 15th St., Austin, TX 78701-1680 Phone: (800) 880-1300 Fax: (512) 370-1631

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