1.10 **NAME.** The name of the organization shall be Young Physician Section (YPS) of the Texas Medical Association (TMA).

2.10 **PURPOSE.** The purpose of the YPS is to give young physician members a way to participate in TMA activities and influence association policy through access to and representation in the TMA House of Delegates.

3.10 **MEMBERSHIP.** The membership shall consist of TMA physician members who are under 40 years of age or within the first eight years of professional practice, after residency and fellowship training.

4.10 **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.** An executive council of the Young Physician Section shall direct the section’s programs and activities.

4.11 **COMPOSITION.** The section’s chair, chair-elect, and delegates and alternate delegates to TMA, and the delegate and alternate delegate to the American Medical Association shall compose the Executive Council. Should a member of the Executive Council cease to be a YPS member for any reason at any time prior to the expiration of the term for which the member was elected, the term of such member shall terminate and the position shall be declared vacant.

4.12 **ELECTION.** Elections shall be held at the section’s annual meeting unless otherwise specified. Any YPS member shall be eligible for election to the Executive Council. Approval by a simple majority of the votes cast, via ballot in person or via email, shall be required to elect members of the Executive Council. Vacancies shall be handled by the procedure set forth in 5.13.

4.13 **ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE.** All members of the Executive Council shall assume office at the conclusion of the section’s annual meeting.

4.14. **MEETINGS.** The Executive Council should meet at least once annually, and then as needed between meetings to direct section business.

4.15 **ATTENDANCE.** If any member fails to attend two consecutive Executive Council meetings, the office will be declared vacant and will be filled by appointment of the chair until the next regularly scheduled section meeting, at which time an election for the vacancy will occur.

5.10 **CHAIR, CHAIR-ELECT, IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR.**

5.11 **DUTIES.** The chair shall preside at all section and Executive Council meetings. The chair-elect shall assist the chair and preside at meetings in the absence of the chair or at the chair’s request. The immediate past chair shall participate in section Executive Council meetings and advise the chair.

5.12 **TERM.** Term of office shall be one year. The chair-elect shall be elevated to the office of chair, and the chair shall serve as immediate past chair.
5.13 **VACANCY.** In the event of a vacancy in the office of chair, the chair-elect shall assume the office of chair. In the event the offices of chair and chair-elect become vacant, both offices shall be filled by election at the next meeting of the section, the office of chair being filled first. Their terms shall fulfill the unexpired terms of the officers replaced.

6.10 **DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO TMA HOUSE OF DELEGATES.**

6.11 **DUTIES.** The delegates and alternate delegates shall represent the section in the TMA House of Delegates.

6.12 **TERM.** The term of delegates and alternate delegates shall be two years. Tenure shall not exceed two terms, except that election to or assumption of an unexpired term shall not be regarded as tenure in office. Delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected in opposite years.

6.13 **QUALIFICATION.** Any YPS member in good standing may be elected to serve as a delegate or alternate delegate from the section.

7.10 **DELEGATE(S) AND ALTERNATE DELEGATE(S) TO AMA YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION.**

7.11 **DUTIES.** The delegate(s) and alternate delegate(s) to the AMA-YPS shall represent the section at the AMA Young Physicians Section.

7.12 **COMPOSITION.** The number of delegates and alternate delegates elected shall be in accordance with the Bylaws of that organization. In the event that the number of seats for delegates allotted to the section decreases, the corresponding number of delegates with the shortest tenure shall become alternate delegates.

If, after such reapportionment, there are more alternate delegates than seats for delegates, the appropriate number of alternate delegates with the shortest tenure shall be dropped.

7.13 **TERM.** Delegates and alternate delegates shall be elected annually and shall assume office at the conclusion of the AMA annual meeting that immediately follows the section’s annual meeting.

7.14 **ELECTION.** Elections shall be held at the section’s winter meeting. Any YPS member who also is a member of the AMA shall be eligible for election to the Executive Council.

8.10 **MEETINGS.**

The section shall meet upon call of its chair, at least once a year.

A section member vote on any matter may be conducted by mail, by facsimile transmission, by electronic message, or by a combination of those methods. Action may be
taken without a meeting if a signed written consent stating the action to be taken is received from a majority of voting members.

9.10 **VOTING AND VOICE.** Any section member may attend, introduce resolutions or reports, debate issues, and vote in elections. At the discretion of the chair, other TMA members may be permitted voice at section meetings. County medical societies are encouraged to send representatives to each meeting.

10.10 **QUORUM.** At least seven Executive Council members must be present for the Executive Council to transact business. At least ten young physician members must be present for the YPS to conduct business.

11.10 **RULES OF ORDER.** The deliberations of the section shall be governed by the TMA House of Delegates rules of order.

12.10 **NOTICE OF MEETINGS.** Notice of the meetings shall be provided to section members at least 30 days prior to the meetings. Any business, reports, or resolutions the section is to consider must be submitted in writing to the Executive Council at least 14 days prior to the meeting. Late reports and resolutions must be submitted to the Executive Council for consideration. All such reports and resolutions so presented shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote to be accepted as business to be acted upon by the section.

13.10 **AMENDMENTS.** Prior to being submitted to the TMA House of Delegates, these operating procedures may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a section meeting. As provided in TMA Bylaws, amendments must be approved by the TMA House of Delegates to become effective.

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