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In 1924, Abraham Flexner published an extensive evaluation of medical education with special emphasis on medical schools in Texas. He was asked to prepare the Flexner Report on medical schools in Texas included the following: the Medical Examiners Council of the Texas State Journal of Medicine.

In 1920, he was elected president in 1927, and he served as its editor-in-chief. In 1924, he was named chief of the Department of Anatomy at the University of Texas, and he served as the first president of the Texas Medical Association.

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His Texas ties helped the Texas Medical Association lead the way in setting up model programs around the state. In 1966, the association built its new facility in Austin, which today is the site of the headquarters of TMA and TMA Foundation, and Research Foundation. It was founded in 1966 to carry out the wishes of TMA members who left a portion of their estate to the foundation.

In 1989, under the watchful eye of state campaign chair Max C. Butler, MD, AMA EVP and Research Foundation president of the new association building in Austin. TMA leadership created a legacy of caring for the health of all Texans and to demonstrate the high standards of the profession.

TMA worked diligently with legislators to support the Governor’s Task Force on Indigent Health Care, which resulted in landmark state legislation in 1981 that expanded medical care for the poor. In 1989, TMA encouraged the state to promote AIDS awareness through educational efforts. In 1989, physicians reported about 2,600 AIDS cases in Texas to the Texas Department of Health. The TMA Alliance partnered with health agencies around the state to promote AIDS awareness through educational efforts. In 1990, TMA and the TMA Alliance supported the AIDS First Capitol Check-Up. 150,000 Texans were screened for diseases like HIV and Hepatitis A.


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150 Years of Medicine in Texas

When the Texas Medical Association was founded in 1851, it counted among its members doctors from all walks of life, from wealthy planters and merchants to frontier physicians and surgeons. Today, the TMA is a leading national voice for the medical profession, representing the interests of Texas doctors and their patients.

The TMA Foundation has established the Living Memories Project, which documents the personal stories of Texas physicians and highlights the unique contributions they have made to medicine.

The TMA Board of Trustees was instrumental in establishing the Texas Medical Association Foundation, a nonprofit organization that receives donations to support its charitable programs.

The TMA Foundation has established a number of initiatives to improve patient care and health outcomes, including the TMA Health Care Reform Task Force and the TMA Health Care Reform Council.

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The TMA Foundation is committed to improving the health and well-being of people in Texas and across the country, and it is proud to support these important initiatives.