

Help Us Help You! This is an important opportunity to represent physician practices!

We are writing to ask for your support of a national study about physician practices, currently being sponsored by the American Medical Association (AMA) and supported by more than 170 health care organizations. The objective of this study is to help document changes in the U.S. health care delivery system that impact your practice every day. One of the recurring comments that we hear from physicians is that decision-makers and payers are not fully informed about the broad clinical, operational, and financial challenges that their practices face. This study represents your opportunity to communicate accurate financial and operational information to policymakers, including members of Congress and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Data from this survey will be used to help determine physician payment levels. Our profession is presented with an important opportunity and your participation in this study will ensure that the voice and priorities of your practice is clearly heard.

The AMA has contracted with Mathematica, an independent research company with extensive experience in survey methods as well as care delivery and finance reform, to conduct the survey. Physician practices will be selected randomly to collect their confidential responses. The AMA and Mathematica will make data collection as convenient for you and your practice as possible and assure you that your individual data will be kept private. Financial information is critical to this survey and we, therefore, anticipate that financial experts will be needed to complete this portion of the data collection effort. Please afford your staff the necessary time so that your voice may be included in the final study results. Additionally, it is critical that we understand the direct patient care hours provided in your practice. Thus, we anticipate that many physicians will need to respond to a few questions to collect this information accurately.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We hope that you will take the opportunity to participate in this critical study. Your involvement will make certain that the information collected will accurately represent your practice, patients, and profession.

Organizations that have endorsed the study

American Medical Association	Alaska State Medical Association	Arizona Medical Association	Arkansas Medical Society
California Medical Association	Colorado Medical Society	Connecticut State Medical Society	Florida Medical Association
Hawaii Medical Association	Idaho Medical Association	Illinois State Medical Society	Indiana State Medical Association
Iowa Medical Society	Kansas Medical Society	Kentucky Medical Association	Louisiana State Medical Society
Maine Medical Association	Massachusetts Medical Society	MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society	Medical Association of Georgia
Medical Association of the State of Alabama	Medical Society of Delaware	Medical Society of New Jersey	Medical Society of the District of Columbia
Medical Society of the State of New York	Medical Society of Virginia	Michigan State Medical Society	Minnesota Medical Association
Mississippi State Medical Association	Missouri State Medical Association	Montana Medical Association	Nebraska Medical Association
Nevada State Medical Association	New Hampshire Medical Society	New Mexico Medical Society	North Carolina Medical Society
North Dakota Medical Association	Ohio State Medical Association	Oklahoma State Medical Association	Oregon Medical Association
Pennsylvania Medical Society	Rhode Island Medical Society	South Carolina Medical Association	South Dakota State Medical Association
Tennessee Medical Association	Texas Medical Association	Utah Medical Association	Vermont Medical Society
Washington State Medical Association	West Virginia State Medical Association	Wisconsin Medical Society	Wyoming Medical Society
Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry, Inc.	Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics	AMDA - The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine	American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American Academy of Audiology	American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	American Academy of Dermatology	American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine	American Academy of Neurology	American Academy of Ophthalmology	American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy

American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery	American Academy of Pain Medicine	American Academy of Pediatrics	American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Academy of Physician Associates	American Academy of Sleep Medicine	American Association for Hand Surgery	American Association for Physician Leadership
American Association of Clinical Endocrinology	American Association of Clinical Urologists	American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons	American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine	American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons	American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons	American Chiropractic Association
American Clinical Neurophysiology Society	American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology	American College of Cardiology	American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST)
American College of Emergency Physicians	American College of Gastroenterology	American College of Lifestyle Medicine	American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics
American College of Nuclear Medicine	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	American College of Physicians	American College of Radiation Oncology
American College of Radiology	American College of Rheumatology	American College of Surgeons	American Epilepsy Society
American Gastroenterological Association	American Geriatrics Society	American Medical Group Association	American Nurses Association
American Occupational Therapy Association	American Optometric Association	American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society	American Osteopathic Association
American Pediatric Surgical Association	American Physical Therapy Association	American Podiatric Medical Association	American Psychiatric Association
American Psychological Association	American Rhinologic Society	American Society for Clinical Pathology	American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy	American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery	American Society for Radiation Oncology	American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society for Surgery of the Hand	American Society of Addiction Medicine	American Society of Anesthesiologists	American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
American Society of Clinical Oncology	American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons	American Society of Cytopathology	American Society of Echocardiography
American Society of General Surgeons	American Society of Hematology	American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians	American Society of Neuroimaging
American Society of Neuroradiology	American Society of Nuclear Cardiology	American Society of Plastic Surgeons	American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine
American Society of Retina Specialists	American Society of Transplant Surgeons	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association	American Thoracic Society
American Urogynecologic Society	American Urological Association	American Vein and Lymphatic Society	American Venous Forum
Association of American Medical Colleges	Association of University Radiologists	College of American Pathologists	Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Endocrine Society	Heart Rhythm Society	Infectious Diseases Society of America	International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery
Medical Group Management Association	National Association of Medical Examiners	National Association of Social Workers	North American Neuromodulation Society
North American Spine Society	Obesity Medicine Association	Outpatient Endovascular and Interventional Society	Radiological Society of North America
Radiology Business Management Association	Renal Physicians Association	Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions	Society for Pediatric Dermatology
Society for Vascular Surgery	Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons	Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography	Society of Critical Care Medicine
Society of Hospital Medicine	Society of Interventional Radiology	Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging	Society of Thoracic Surgeons
Spine Intervention Society	The American Society of Breast Surgeons	The American Society of Dermatopathology	Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society