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MEMBER spotlight

Dr. Stuart Wolf, Jr.
Surgery and Perioperative Care

“Despite the corporatization of medicine, despite the risks for overwork, moral injury and burnout, practicing medicine is still the greatest job in the world,” asserts Dr. Stuart Wolf. “Every day you get to walk side by side with people who are navigating great human struggles. It's a gift to be able to participate in this.”

Dr. Wolf has been on both sides of the scalpel. He recently had major heart surgery—and the experience has inspired him to take up a new pastime. “Thanks to my newly repaired heart, my favorite pastime currently is making sure that Dr. Kessler’s great handiwork is not for naught, so I am training to run a 5K. The picture above shows my sternotomy scar 8 days after a 5-vessel CABG.” **Read more.**

Member Applicants

View information and photos of **new TCMS members.**



Texas Medical Association

Medicare Action Alert!

Act Now. Contact your U.S. representative and senators and tell them how a new proposed 2.8% pay cut – on top of all the other Medicare pay cuts to physicians over time – will affect your practice and your patients.

Congress must act to stop the proposed pay cut and support the bipartisan House Resolution 2474 to reform Medicare's broken payment system and ensure physicians receive inflationary updates like hospitals and other Medicare providers receive.

It takes just seconds to send a powerful message to Congress. Washington doesn't think another cut matters, but we know otherwise. Please TELL YOUR STORY.

Decades of Medicare pay cuts are negatively impacting physician practice viability. This diminishes access to care for ALL patients.

We must ensure our seniors are cared for with the highest standard of care. We must develop a permanent, viable Medicare physician payment system.

Please act now.

Action Alert Information

Mark Your Calendars for First Tuesdays at the Capitol 2025!

REGISTER

FIRST TUESDAYS
Taking Medicine's Message to the Capitol

The Texas Legislature meets every odd-numbered year for 140 consecutive days and will convene again Jan. 14, 2025. Legislators need to hear from you – their physician, medical student, and alliance constituents – during session to understand how proposed legislation can potentially impact the practice of medicine in Texas.

February 4
March 4
April 1 (TMA Medical Student Month)
May 6



Retired Physician's Organization Luncheon: Stephen Harrigan

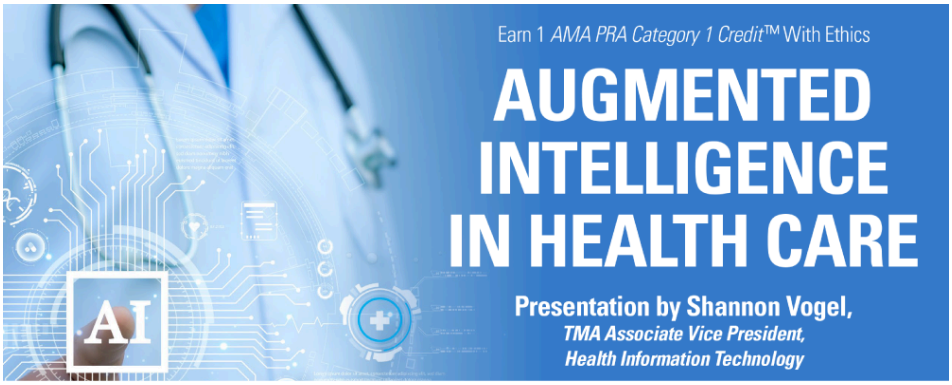
Author, Screenwriter, Journalist

Join us for lunch and a talk with Stephen Harrigan, noted author, journalist and screenwriter.

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024
Time: 11:30 AM
Place: Tarrytown Methodist Church

2601 Exposition Blvd, Austin, TX 78703
Cost: $25.00 per person *(non-refundable)*

RSVP



Register for the TCMS Business of Medicine CME Presentation "AI in Healthcare"

Date: Thursday, Sept. 19
Time: Noon to 1 pm
Virtual via Zoom

Register

Understand how augmented intelligence (AI), sometimes called artificial intelligence, is integrated into health care to support decision-making as well as the pros and cons of using generative AI to reduce administrative burden. Learn how AI can have significant health care impact in research, software development, patient care, and other platforms.

Course Objectives:
Upon completion of this program, participants should be able to discuss how augmented intelligence can impact health care including ethical implications.

CME Credit: Earn 1 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION:
The Texas Medical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

TMA designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 CreditTM. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The Texas Medical Association designates this activity for up to 1 hour in the area of ethics and/or professional responsibility education.

Nominate An Excellent Science Teacher!



Do you know of an excellent science teacher? TMA honors exceptional teachers annually at the elementary, middle, and high school levels who are dedicated to fostering a love for science in their students. Their commitment to creating an innovative learning environment sparks their students' interest in science, which lays the groundwork for future physicians.

Grand prize: One Texas science teacher will receive $20,000 plus a $5,000 school resource grant.
Distinguished awards: Three teachers (one at each level) will receive $7,000 and a $3,000 school resource grant.
Rookie award: A teacher with less than seven years' experience will receive $5,000 and a $2,000 school resource grant.

Application Deadline: Jan. 6, 2025

Check here for eligibility and the application.
Questions? Email SciTeacherAward@texmed.org.

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We hope to see you in San Antonio! The Texas Medical Association's Business of Medicine Conference, formerly Fall Conference, is an educational conference for physicians. It will provide a comprehensive overview of the business of medicine.

Registration and Information



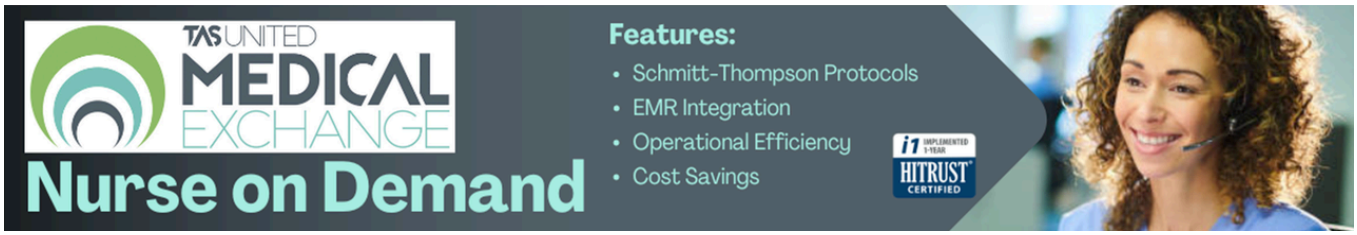
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