Travis County Medical Society

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Serving over 4,700 members

MEMBER spotlight

Sapna Patel, DO

Endocrinology

For Dr. Sapna Patel, medicine is all about guiding people through their personal health journeys.

“I am particularly drawn to endocrinology because it addresses complex, widespread metabolic disorders—especially in the face of our current diabetes and obesity epidemic,” she explains. “Ultimately, my goal is to provide patient-centered care that empowers individuals to take control of their own health.”

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Member Applicants

View information and photos of [new TCMS members](#).

Help us recognize outstanding physicians in our community.

Do you know a physician who leads by example, earns the respect of colleagues, and/or goes above and beyond to serve others?

Nominate a deserving physician member for the 2026 Physician TCMS Awards.

Award recipients will be honored at the Installation and Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, January 21, 2027.

Award Descriptions & Nominations

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at the Thinkery

📅 Saturday, November 14, 2026
⏰ 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
📍 Thinkery | 1830 Simond Ave
🎟️ Complimentary for physician members and their immediate family.

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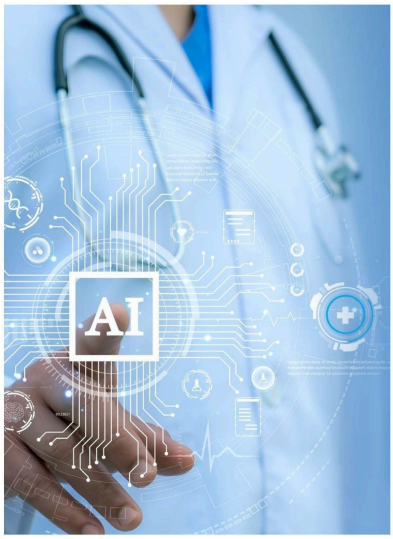
Business of Medicine

Augmented Intelligence in Health Care



Earn *1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*™ With Ethics

Augmented intelligence and artificial intelligence can have significant health care impacts in research, software development, patient care, and other platforms. Learn how augmented intelligence is distinct from artificial intelligence (AI), and how it is integrated into health care to support decision-making. Also learn the pros and cons of using generative AI to reduce administrative burdens.

Presentation by Shannon Vogel, TMA Associate Vice President, Health Information Technology.

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

Thursday, November 19, 2026 | 12 PM - 1 PM

Register Here

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 Credit*™. 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.

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Family Holiday Photos
featuring Santa

Date: Sunday, December 6, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Location: TMA Building, Thompson Auditorium | 401 W 15th St
Cost: $5.00 per person for physician members and their immediate family.
(non-refundable)

Register Now

Register for First Tuesdays at the Capitol

Tuesday, February 2, 2027
Tuesday, March 2, 2027
Tuesday, April 6, 2027
Tuesday, May 4, 2027

The Texas Legislature meets every odd-numbered year for 140 consecutive days and will convene again January 12, 2027. Legislators need to hear from you – their physician, medical student, and alliance constituents – during the session to understand how proposed legislation can potentially impact the practice of medicine in Texas.

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Retired Physicians Organization (RPO) November Luncheon

Speaker: Blair Austin Campion

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2026
Lunch: 11:30 AM
Presentation: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Place: Tarrytown Methodist Church | 2601 Exposition Blvd
Cost: $25.00 per person
(non-refundable)

Register Here

Discounted Tickets to Austin FC vs. Portland

Austin FC has made a limited number of seats available to TCMS members and their families at the upcoming Austin FC match vs. FC Dallas on **Saturday, November 7 at 7:30 PM.**

Deadline to purchase tickets at the specialty rate is ***Friday, November 6* at 5:00 PM.**
Tickets are subject to availability.

Discount code **TCMS117** to access the discounted rate.

Purchase Your Tickets Today

Friends of the Society:

The following information highlights some of our sponsors for 2026 as part of the Friends of the Society program. Their generous contributions allow us to offer networking opportunities, educational resources, family activities, and much more. We invite you to explore their services for your needs.

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