



# MMS Committees

If you would like to become more involved in the MMS, consider participating on a committee or the Member Interest Network (MIN) Executive Council. The listing below includes all MMS committees and the MIN Executive Council.

Committee appointments are for specific terms, usually three-year renewable commitments. Meetings are held either virtually using Zoom, or at MMS headquarters in Waltham (unless otherwise specified) with a virtual option.

## Committee Types

- **Board Committees** are established by the House of Delegates to address specific duties which are under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees, with limited openings available in accordance with the MMS bylaws.
- **Standing Committees** relate directly to the structure, governance, management, or legislative activity of the Society, with limited openings available in accordance with the MMS bylaws.
- **Special Committees** are established by the House of Delegates to address specific topics/subjects and have unlimited openings available.

**The Member Interest Network (MIN)** provides a way for you to participate in Medical Society activities at the level you choose. Organized around broad topics, the MIN affords the opportunity to network with colleagues and share information in a way that accommodates your schedule. The MIN is open to all MMS members.

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## Accreditation Review

### *Special Committee*

Oversees and serves the MMS Recognized Accredited Providers as a statewide resource for hospitals, specialty societies, and health care organizations seeking to offer continuing medical education. Monitors compliance with nationally recognized continuing medical education standards and guidelines to ensure quality education for physicians throughout Massachusetts and its contiguous states. *Meets 4-6 times per year on Tuesdays from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.*

## Administration and Management

### *Board Committee*

Provides oversight to matters related to the Society's offices and its management and performs other such responsibilities as shall be delegated by the Board of Trustees. No medical student/resident physician positions available.

## Arts, History, Humanism and Culture

### *MIN Executive Council*

The Arts, History, Humanism & Culture MIN explores the creative side of members interested in a variety of pursuits. *Meets every three months.*

## Boston Medical Library Trustees

### *Board with MMS reps*

Founded in 1805, and refounded in 1875, the Boston Medical Library (BML) mission is "to be a Library for the dissemination of medical knowledge, the promotion of medical education and scholarship, and the preservation and celebration of medical history, and thereby to advance the quality of health and healthcare of the people." Additional information: <https://bml.org/> The MMS president appoints almost half of the BML Trustees. *This Board typically meets virtually four times per year on a weekday from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. The medical student and resident physician representatives serve a one-year term beginning each September.*

## Bylaws

### *Standing Committee*

Considers suggested bylaws changes and submits to the House of Delegates proposed amendments to the bylaws. *Meets approximately 1-2 times per year, on a weekday (Monday-Thursday) at 7:30 pm, generally by teleconference.*

### Continuing Education Review

#### Special Committee

Reviews and vets potential MMS/NEJM directly and jointly provided continuing education activities to ensure all activities are aligned with the MMS mission and strategic priorities and in support of diversity and inclusion. Each review includes verifying that content meets the core requirements for certifying activities for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™; is fair and balanced and supports safe, effective, patient care, and is independent of influence by industry. Also that each accredited are in compliance with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)'s Accreditation Criteria, including the *Standards for Integrity and Independence in Accredited Continuing Education* and relevant policies. The committee also evaluates educational content to assess eligibility for risk management study and other MA state mandated educational requirements. *Meets approximately 6 times per year virtually on the second or third Tuesday of February, March, May, June, August, and October from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.*

### Diversity in Medicine

#### Special Committee

Works to promote diversity within the medical profession and heighten awareness of disparities in health care access and treatment. *Meets 4-6 times per year on weekday evenings.*

### Environmental & Occupational Health

#### Special Committee

Provides advice and counsel to the Society on environmental and occupational health issues, such as health-related environmental exposures in the home, work, and outdoor environments, and the relationship between climate change and health. *Meets 4-6 times per year in the evening, typically on Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.*

### Ethics, Grievances, & Professional Standards

#### Standing Committee

The Committee on Ethics, Grievances, and Professional Standards is a medical peer review committee that investigates allegations of member unethical conduct through a formal grievance process. Where appropriate, the committee may recommend practice modifications, including the identification of potential areas for improvement. The Society's Bylaws state that "Members of the Society are subject to grievance review for the following apparent or alleged offenses:

- (a) Violation of the Code of Medical Ethics of the Massachusetts Medical Society.
- (b) Violation of the Principles of Medical Ethics of the American Medical Association.
- (c) Presenting false certificates or false statements of character or of educational attainments.
- (d) Engaging in conduct unbecoming a physician."

The committee is also responsible for providing advice on

ethical issues to the Society's leadership and members and assisting the Society in formulating ethical policy. At the House of Delegates' direction, the committee also conducts an Ethics Forum on current ethical issues twice yearly, at each regular meeting of the House. *Please note there are special circumstances for medical students and resident physicians. Visit the [EGPS committee webpage](#) for more information.*

### Finance

#### Board Committee

Oversees the finances, investments, investment policy, budget, and serves as the yearly audit committee of the Massachusetts Medical Society, working with the Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, and the VP of Finance. *Meets approximately 13 times per year (including 2 meetings one each in December and April at the site of the MMS House of Delegates meetings and two contingency meetings in October and December), usually on a Wednesday or Thursday from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.*

### Geriatric Medicine

#### Special Committee

Addresses issues related to geriatric health (including psychosocial issues unique to the older adult population, disease prevention, health enhancement, education of the health care community in all issues pertaining to older adults), health care policy as it applies to those age 65 and older, including historically marginalized populations and all aspects of long-term care, including palliative care. *Meets 5 times per year, typically on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.*

### Global Health

#### Special Committee

Provides a benefit to the members of the Massachusetts Medical Society and to the people of the Commonwealth by expanding the understanding of global health issues, and by promoting the active participation of members in a variety of global health related projects. Hosts an annual educational presentation for residents and medical students, as well as promotes global health events across the state. *Meets 4-5 times per year, typically on Tuesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.*

### History

#### Special Committee

Recommends actions and activities to preserve the history of the Society and recognizes its accomplishments. Sponsors an annual medical student essay contest focused on the history of medicine or public health in Massachusetts since the initiation of the MMS in 1781. *Meets approximately 3 times per year.*

**Information Technology***Special Committee*

Meets six times per year in the evenings to identify and evaluate major trends in Information Technology that impact medical practice including policy, education, devices, guidelines, regulations, and laws. The committee makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees, the House of Delegates, other committees and membership on responses to the trends with the goal of being proactive. The committee also encourages medical information technology development through its yearly Student and Resident Information Technology in Medicine awards program and educational events.

**Interspecialty***Standing Committee*

Provides a mechanism for open communication, cooperation, and coordination between and among the medical specialty societies of Massachusetts and their members, and the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS). Additionally, the committee will present recommendations to the MMS regarding medical specialty specific or practice of medicine issues, with the ultimate goal of providing the highest quality of care to the patients within the Commonwealth. *Meets in June, Sept., Jan., and March, generally on the next to last Tuesday of the month from 6:00 – 8:30 pm.*

**Judicial***Standing Committee*

Interprets MMS Bylaws and Code of Ethics. *No medical student/resident physician positions available.*

**Legislation***Standing Committee/District-Appointed*

Study, take positions and report periodically to the Board of Trustees and to the House of Delegates on pending legislation affecting the public health or the practice of medicine. Initiates legislation at the state level to improve the health of the public and to improve the practice environment in Massachusetts. *Meets 6-7 times per year, primarily on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 8:00 pm.*

**LGBTQ Matters***Special Committee*

Enhances MMS policy, advocacy, and education on LGBTQ health and professional issues, advocates for better access to care for LGBTQ patients, educates physicians across the Commonwealth about the unique health care issues facing LGBTQ patients, creates a relationship with the AMA advisory committee on LGBTQ issues, increases MMS membership and participation of physicians with an interest in LGBTQ issues, and provides a dedicated forum for involvement, mentoring, and networking for LGBTQ physicians and medical students. *Meets approximately 3-4 times per year.*

**Maternal & Perinatal Welfare***Special Committee*

Provides advice and counsel on matters relating to maternal and perinatal welfare. Sponsors an annual educational program on maternal and perinatal welfare for physicians and other health care professionals. Actively investigates broad issues in maternal and perinatal care to address disparities, promote health equity, and ensure patients receive the highest quality care. *Meets approximately 5 times per year on Mondays, from 6:30 – 8:00pm.*

**Medical Education***Standing Committee*

The Committee on Medical Education (CMED) addresses all issues related to undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education as well as education for other health care professionals and reviews and makes recommendations on MMS policy relative to the continuum of medical education. The CMED advocates for the provision of quality medical education across the learning continuum that promotes safe, effective, and equitable patient care and is independent from the influence of industry. The CMED reviews, evaluates, and provides guidance on the MMS accredited continuing education program to ensure that it is aligned with the Society's strategic plan and priorities, that it addresses gaps in practice and educational needs, that it serves its goal of supporting lifelong learning for physicians and other health care professionals, and that it is compliant with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education's (ACCME's) Accreditation Criteria and policies and other education regulatory requirements. *Meets 4-6 times per year in the evening from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.*

**Membership***Standing Committee*

The Membership Committee provides oversight to membership development programs and promotional opportunities for the MMS, including recruitment, retention and related outreach activities, while using multiple marketing channels. Attention is focused on constituencies that will increase the diversity of the membership base, and address new modes of practice and employment models through group enrollment. *Meets 4-5 times per year.*

**Mental Health and Substance Use***Special Committee*

Focuses on integration of mental health into primary care; promotes early detection and screening for mental illness and substance use; promotes prevention of mental illness; promotes mental wellness, stress management, and improved mental health across the life span; promotes reduction of barriers to mental health treatment and improved communication between members of care teams; and recommends ways to improve access to mental health care. *Meets 5 times per year, typically on Mondays at 6:30 pm.*

**Nominations***Standing Committee/District-Appointed*

Provides for the House of Delegates a slate of nominees for each of the officers of the Society and AMA delegates and alternate delegates. *This committee meets 3 times per year.*

**Nutrition & Physical Activity***Special Committee*

Provides advice and guidance to the Society and its leadership on matters related to nutrition and physical activity, with a particular focus on food security, obesity prevention and treatment, and the role of nutrition and physical activity in the prevention of chronic disease. *Meets 4-5 times per year, typically on Mondays from 7:00 – 8:00 pm*

**Oral Health***Special Committee*

This committee focuses on increasing public awareness of the relationship and importance of good oral health to good physical health and works to promote prevention and improve oral health literacy to health providers and the public. Recommends ways to improve access to oral health care. Works to increase education and encourage medical, dental collaboration. *Meets 4 times per year, 6:30 – 8:30 pm.*

**Preparedness***Special Committee*

This committee works in collaboration with public health agencies and others responsible for disaster management on the development and implementation of response plans for the physician community in order to enhance the health care system's capacity to prevent, prepare for, detect, mitigate, respond to and recover from the public health consequences of man-made or natural disasters, and other health emergencies and protect the health and safety of patients and communities. *Meets 4-6 times per year, typically on Tuesdays at 5:30 – 7:00 pm.*

**Professional Liability***Standing Committee*

Monitors the professional liability market in Massachusetts, and educates members about developments in professional liability. *Meets 3-4 times per year, usually on a Monday at 6:00 pm.*

**Public Health***Standing Committee*

This committee recommends and leads a public health agenda for the Society to achieve the greatest positive impact on the health and well-being of the public and to reflect the resources, mission and strategic direction of the Society. *Meets on Thursdays early evening 6 times per year.*

**Publications***Standing Committee*

Establishes policy concerning the publishing activities of the Society, including initiation, planning, supervision, and coordination of NEJM Group as it relates to the dissemination of medical information. Directs the publication and distribution of the *New England Journal of Medicine* and other publications of the Society. *Meets 3 times per year on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 – 4:30 pm.*

**Quality of Medical Practice***Standing Committee*

The Quality of Medical Practice is focused on the improvement of the quality of health care provided by physicians, including attention to patient and physician satisfaction/experience and cost effectiveness. The committee serves as consultants to the Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates to define quality of health care, as well as to monitor quality initiatives, create and coordinate activities to improve and measure the quality of health care and factors affecting the practice environment. *Meets approximately 4 times per year with additional conference call meetings as needed.*

**Recognition Awards***Board Committee*

Responsible for oversight and approval of new and existing MMS recognition awards. Selects awardees for the: MMS Lifetime Achievement Award, Award for Distinguished Service to the Massachusetts Medical Society, Special Award for Excellence in Medical Service. Ratifies awardees for all other MMS awards. *Meets virtually in the evening, 1-2 times per year in September and January.*

**Senior Physicians***Special Committee*

Recognizes the many diverse matters that are of concern to senior physicians aged 65 and older and explores ways to address these unique issues. It also provides these professionals the opportunity to promote continued participation and personal enrichment. *Meets 4 times per year on Wednesdays at lunchtime.*

**Senior Volunteer Physicians***Special Committee*

Utilizes the experience and skills of senior practicing and/or retired physician member volunteers to fulfill medical care and health education needs of communities and medical schools throughout Massachusetts in agreed upon programs. *Meets 4 times per year in the evening.*

### Strategic Planning

#### *Board Committee*

Studies the environment affecting physicians, their patients and the global health care industry. Makes recommendations concerning the short- and long-term strategic direction of the Society and serve as a guide for prioritizing and planning activities of the Society. *Meets approximately 4 times per year and participates in strategic planning retreats as appropriate.*

### Student Health & Sports Medicine

#### *Special Committee*

Provides advice and counsel in matters related to student health and sports medicine – specifically to promote school-based adolescent health education and sports medicine for various patient populations, including the student athlete. Acts as liaison with organizations working in these areas, increases MMS visibility with various audiences on student health and sports medicine issues, and addresses related areas as may come before it. *Meets approximately 5 times per year on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.*

### Sustainability of Private Practice

#### *Special Committee*

Provides periodic feedback to the Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates on matters related to the viability and unique needs of private practice physicians (i.e. covered services, technology, payment methods) in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the benefit of all physicians and patients in the Commonwealth. *Schedule to be determined.*

### Violence Intervention and Prevention

#### *Special Committee*

Provides evaluation, advice, and guidance to the Society and its leadership on matters relating to violence intervention and prevention, with emphasis on family violence (intimate partner violence, child abuse and/or neglect, adolescent relationship violence, and elder abuse), school violence, bullying, community violence, violence by firearms, sexual assault, suicide, human trafficking, torture, law enforcement, and other forms of intentional injury/trauma. *Typically meets on Mondays 5 times per year at 7:00 pm.*

### Women's Health

#### *Special Committee*

Provides a valuable forum to identify and advocate for professional issues of concern to women physicians, educate colleagues about women's health, foster membership, participation and leadership of women within the MMS. *Meets approximately 4 times per year.*