Opportunities for Participation in Harris County Medical Society Committees & Boards
Medical Students

The Harris County Medical Society (HCMS) welcomes your involvement and encourages you to explore this opportunity to obtain experience and attend the following committee and board meetings. Up to two medical students from each school can attend the following committee and board meetings for one calendar year. Only members of HCMS may participate. To pursue this opportunity for involvement and/or to become a member of HCMS, please contact the student chair of your medical school or Regina Royal at regina_royal@hcms.org.

Community Health Improvement and Communications Committee – This committee oversees the Society’s internal and external communications to members, the media and the public on issues related to health care trends, health care costs, quality care and the business of medicine and our community service activities. This committee meets two times a year at 6:30 p.m. at the HCMS offices. Meetings are scheduled Monday to Thursday.

Emergency Care Committee – The committee represents HCMS in all matters pertaining to emergency care and disaster planning, including educational programs for physicians, emergency medical personnel and the public; advances in emergency medical communications and equipment; and liaison with emergency departments, medical staffs and community emergency services. This committee meets twice a year, usually at noon for one and a half hours. The meetings are held at the HCMS offices. Meetings are scheduled Monday to Thursday.

Health Information Technology Committee – The committee discusses and actively engages in ways to provide physician members with education and information to assist in their evaluation, implementation and utilization of electronic health records (EHRs) and other information technology. This committee meets three times a year at 6:30 p.m. at the HCMS offices. Meetings are scheduled Monday to Thursday.

Healthcare Quality Committee – The committee monitors quality related medical care projects and investigates methods to assist members with developing and documenting quality improvement in their practices by working with the TMA and other appropriate organizations. This committee meets three times a year at the HCMS offices. Meetings are generally held at 6:30 p.m. and are scheduled Monday to Thursday.

Board of Medical Legislation – This Board stays abreast of legislative matters and proposals affecting the profession and keeps the membership informed. The committee also meets with elected officials to educate them about our positions. Service with TexPac, the HCMS Delegation to TMA or First Tuesdays at the Capitol is helpful. This Board meets nine times a year. Most meetings are held at the HCMS offices on the second Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Board on Socioeconomics – This Board stays abreast of medical economic matters that affect the profession (Medicare, Medicaid, managed care, etc.) and keeps the membership informed. This Board meets four times a year at 6:30 p.m. at the HCMS offices.
**Volunteer Opportunities – Provide Outreach to Our Community**

*The Harris County Medical Society (HCMS) welcomes your involvement and encourages you to volunteer and serve our community. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sarah Pyo at 713-524-4267, ext. 269 or sarah_pyo@hcms.org.*

**Boy Scout Physicals** – Medical student volunteers are needed to provide the required annual camp physicals for boys in the Urban Scouting Division. Many of these young men lack the necessary resources to get the required physicals to attend camp. The Urban Scouting Division, established in 1987, encourages at-risk boys to become involved in scouting, providing them with leadership skills and challenges in nature. This event is held annually on the first Saturday in June from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Boy Scout office located near TC Jester & Loop 610.

**Science and Engineering Fair** – Physicians, residents and medical students are needed to be volunteer judges at the annual Science and Engineering Fair of Houston. Medical students will be paired with physicians to judge in the following divisions: junior, ninth grade, senior laboratory and senior non-laboratory. This is a great opportunity to help and guide young minds toward a future in science. Judging is held in February or March each year and generally held on a Friday afternoon.