



The American Society of Aerospace Medicine Specialists

Maintenance of Certification

Making sure our membership sees this one more time. All credit to Cheryl Lowry and her team for developing this program. Hopefully, a few of us will be able to attend AsMA this year and partake of the sessions firsthand. For those who can't, the online sessions are quite the bargain for CME/MOC credit. Additionally, keep tuned for updates from ABPM regarding MOC Part IV. Voices from within ASAMS are guiding ABPM to refine the Part IV, and develop a database to facilitate the submission process. This is welcome news.

Online Continuing Medical Education and Maintenance of Certification Now Available!

The Aerospace Medical Association is pleased to announce online Continuing Medical Education (CME) and Maintenance of Certification (MOC). Surveys and comments from our members indicated a need for Aerospace Medicine CME and MOC to be offered outside of the Annual Scientific Meeting. With the recent conference funding restrictions imposed on US Federal Government employees, online CME and MOC activities are more important now than ever before. We listened to you and took the initiative of recording the three Aerospace Medicine Grand Rounds sessions during the 84th Annual Scientific Meeting in Chicago, IL. We also recorded the RAM Bowl session in Chicago.

The Aerospace Medical Association is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The four recorded sessions from Chicago have now been developed into an appropriate format to meet the ACCME standards for enduring CME materials offered via the internet. The Aerospace Medical Association designates each video session for 1.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*TM. Should you complete all four sessions, you could claim 6 CME credits and 6 MOC credits. NOTE: if you attended the 84th Annual Scientific Meeting in Chicago, IL and claimed CME and MOC credit for the Grand Rounds sessions or the RAM Bowl you cannot claim CME and MOC credit for these sessions again.

Prices for the Grand Rounds sessions and RAM Bowl session:

Each video session is priced the same:

- AsMA Member: \$9.00 for CME Credit or \$10.00 for CME and MOC Credit
- Non-Member: \$12.00 for CME Credit or \$15.00 for CME and MOC Credit

To access these online CME/MOC sessions, please go to the AsMA website at <http://www.asma.org/continuing-education/courses>. You may also go directly to the IntelliquestMedia website where these sessions are hosted at <https://www.intelliquestmedia.com/lms/asma>

Position Vacancies

A number of positions will be coming open this Spring on the Board, including the Vice President/President-Elect and Secretary. Johann as Nominating Committee has the full slate of positions. If Johann contacts you regarding your interest in serving in one of these positions, please give it your strongest consideration. Please also don't wait for Johann or others on the Board to reach out if you are interested in getting involved in the leadership of our Specialty Society. If interested, please send your name, best contact information, and position(s) you are interested in to ASAMS.BOG@gmail.com. We look forward to your participation and contributions.



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Aerospace Medicine Practice Guidelines

Bill Tarver our Chair of Practice Standards and Competencies, has established a 5-year schedule to begin and then sustain the periodic review of all 84 ASAMS Practice Guidelines. Bill has prioritized the list based upon those which are most of date due to either time since initially drafted, or the degree to which diagnostics and therapeutics have advanced for the particular condition. Bill is now working on a standardized template and a checklist to aid in Guideline review and development. We will benchmark our process against Institute of Medicine recommendations for CPG development, to include elements of peer review and level of evidence. We will be soliciting volunteers from our Society's membership to perform these reviews. On a very positive note, ABPM is aware of our efforts and is supportive of making Practice Guideline revisions a recognized MOC Part IV activity that is creditable for demonstrating practice competency and currency.

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Don't put us on your spam list!! To facilitate collaboration amongst the Board, and to provide an organizational point of contact, we have established an account at the above email address. This, together with its accompanying Google Drive, will allow for more robust Society governance and sustainability of effort between the annual May meetings. We now have a dynamic repository for key communications and products that allow us to conduct Society business on behalf of you our members. If you need something or have a question, please drop us a line. We have also migrated member contact information into the Google Contacts associated with this account. We are aware that with the inherently nomadic nature of our membership that much of the current Contact information we have is out of date. Either send your current information to the above email, or stop by the table in May as the AsMA meeting and we'll be able to do it there. Speaking of that, we are looking for volunteers to help man the table this year and help with some of this type of work for our membership. Let us know if you are interested as we are working on a schedule at this time.

Bylaws Updates

Mark Nassir has graciously stepped up to Chair the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Mark has already begun to draft Bylaws changes to catch up to the business rule changes the Board has discussed and voted upon in recent meetings. He'll be sending these out for review in advance of putting them to vote at the May meeting.



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Job Postings

We have begun the arduous process of partnering with AsMA to make use of their job posting website. Their costs are reasonable and we will benefit from some revenue sharing for those posts which we direct to them. Additionally, AsMA will not charge for postings being submitted directly from government agencies. We are still in a period of transition as we work with those who have availed themselves of our mass emailings as a means to access our membership at no cost. Upon posting to the AsMA site, we will continue to inform you of these postings so that you may explore them in more detail at the AsMA website. We will also continue with a limited number of direct mailings for some of the more unique opportunities that directly serve and advance our Specialty such as key positions associated with our aerospace medicine residency programs.

American Occupational Health Conference

See the attached flyer regarding the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine's upcoming conference in San Antonio. Steve Hetrick, one of our members, is on the Program Committee for this event. As a sister organization to ours, I suspect many may also be members of ACOEM. Passing along for your awareness and potential benefit.

Our Mission

The Society is a non-profit organization created to serve as a voice for and represent the professional needs of Aerospace Medicine specialists in the United States. The Society is a constituent organization of the Aerospace Medical Association (AsMA). Members are specialists in the field of Aerospace Medicine dedicated to the advancement of aviation and space medicine.

The Society is dedicated to:

- Establishing standards for the specialty of Aerospace Medicine, including but not limited to, the development of core-competencies for residents in Aerospace Medicine and practice guidelines for Aerospace Medicine practitioners.
- Representing and promoting the interests of physicians who specialize in Aerospace Medicine.
- Promoting and preserving the highest professional standards of care among practitioners of Aerospace Medicine.
- Interesting young physicians and medical students in the specialty of Aerospace Medicine.
- Increasing the value of the specialty of Aerospace Medicine to prospective employers.