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NEWS AND ALERTS FOR CMS MEMBERS

Sept. 2, 2026

CMS leadership election results

Congratulations to president-elect Rachele Klammer, MD, and re-elected AMA Delegates

Thank you to all CMS members who voted in the 2026 CMS Leadership Election. Your voice matters, and thanks to your engagement, the results are in! Congratulations: your new president-elect is Rachele Klammer, MD, an emergency medicine physician in Aurora, current CMS Board of Directors member and Aurora-Adams County Medical Society president. She will accept the role of president-elect at the 2026 Annual Meeting and be sworn in as president during the 2027 Annual Meeting.

Congratulations, also, to the re-elected Colorado delegation to the American Medical Association: David Downs, MD; Amy Duckro, MD, MPH; Mark Johnson, MD, MPH; Rachele Klammer, MD; A. Lee Morgan, MD; and Patricia Weber, MD.

Celebrating Women in Medicine month

Each September, we celebrate Women in Medicine Month, honoring the physicians who have shaped the profession through their time, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to patients.

Women now make up nearly half of all physicians in training, and their presence has transformed what compassionate, patient-centered care looks like across Colorado and the nation. From the exam room to leadership roles, women physicians continue to strengthen the bond between doctors and patients that Your Care is at Our Core is built to protect.

We recognize and celebrate the women physicians of Colorado — and the difference they make every day.



Celebrating Women in Medicine Month

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Documentary highlights women surgeons' experiences

PBS stations nationwide have premiered [1001 CUTS](#), an award-winning documentary that explores the experiences of women in surgery and the ongoing challenges of achieving gender equity in medicine. Featuring insights from nationally recognized physicians and personal stories from women surgeons, the film examines both the progress made and the barriers that remain in one of health care's most demanding specialties. [Learn more and find local airing information here.](#)

Strong rural health systems depend on smart infrastructure

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National Physician Suicide Awareness Day
September 17, 2026

Turning awareness into action

Join DMS Sept. 17 for physician suicide prevention CME

Join the Denver Medical Society on Thursday, Sept. 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the DMS Office in Lowry for dinner, CME, and an important conversation in recognition of National Physician Suicide Awareness Day. This event will focus on strategies for physicians, medical students, residents, and fellows to support one another, recognize warning signs, reduce barriers to seeking help, and advance meaningful culture change for physician mental health.

Hear from a panel of experts representing physician practices, hospital systems, gun safety initiatives, and legislative advocacy organizations, along with a presentation from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Connect with partners from the CU Anschutz Firearm Injury Prevention Initiative, The Mind & Safety Institute, the Colorado Physician Health Program, Telligen/Midwest QIN-QIO, and Intermountain Lutheran Hospital's Wellness Program. Bring your staff and colleagues and register today.

[Register here](#)

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AMA supporting physicians on vaccines

New independent vaccine evidence review reinforces benefits

The American Medical Association (AMA) and the Vaccine Integrity Project have released a new independent review of the latest evidence on influenza, COVID-19, and RSV vaccines, reaffirming that these immunizations continue to provide meaningful protection against severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

The initiative also unveiled new resources to support evidence-based vaccine decision-making, including an interactive online tool that allows clinicians, researchers, and the public to search and explore the studies reviewed by virus or population group, as well as a digital resource hub with educational materials for clinicians and patients. The review found no new safety concerns and helped inform the 2026-27 respiratory virus immunization recommendations from several leading medical societies.

[Read more](#)

Webinar: 2026-27 respiratory season evidence and recommendations

The AMA, in collaboration with leaders from the Vaccine Integrity Project (VIP), AAPF, AAP, ACOG and Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), will host a webinar for physicians and other health care providers on Wednesday, Sept. 23 to discuss the evidence review process, key findings, and the latest respiratory virus immunization recommendations. [Register here.](#)

AMA launches new awards program

Submit a nomination by Nov. 2

The American Medical Association is accepting nominations for AMA Honors, a new awards program recognizing individuals making outstanding contributions to health care through innovation, public health leadership, and trusted communication. Winners in three categories will be honored at the inaugural AMA Honors ceremony in Washington, D.C., in February 2027 and will receive a \$25,000 award. Nominations are open through Nov. 2.

[Learn more and submit a nomination](#)

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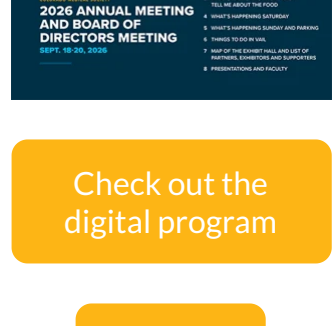
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CMS Annual Meeting is coming up!

It's not too late to register to join us in Vail, Sept. 18-20

Join physicians from across Colorado Sept. 18-20 at the Lodge at Vail for the CMS Annual Meeting, a weekend designed for meaningful connection, fresh perspectives, and professional growth. Earn up to 7.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ and 1 Copic Point while learning from an exceptional lineup of speakers.

More than great education are opportunities to connect with colleagues and celebrate our profession. A highlight is Saturday evening's Jazz Age-themed President's Event featuring live music from Dizzy With a Dame, great food, decadent desserts, and an unforgettable atmosphere. Wear jazz-era clothes or cocktail attire. Register today and click "Read More" to explore the full digital program and speaker lineup.



[Check out the digital program](#)

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9TH ANNUAL CHRONIC PAIN CONFERENCE

Oct. 16-18, 2026

Join us for the Colorado Pain Society 9th Annual Chronic Pain Conference, Oct. 16-18, 2026, at The Hyatt in Vail, held in conjunction with Medical Education Resources. Target audience: physicians, advanced practice providers (APPs), psychologists and others interested in pain medicine.

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Upcoming CMS meetings and events

All Colorado Medical Society committee meetings and events are open to all CMS members and you are invited to attend! Meetings are held via Zoom unless otherwise noted. Find a full list of events here: cms.org/events. Questions? Contact membership@cms.org.

- Next CMS Board of Directors meeting - Hybrid at the Lodge at Vail Friday, Sept. 18, 1-4 p.m. [Register for the Annual Meeting to attend in person: register here for Zoom](#)
- Workers' Compensation and Personal Injury Committee (WPIC) - Virtual Wednesday, Oct. 7, 7:30-8:30 a.m.; repeats first Wednesday of each month; contact chet_seward@cms.org to register
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee - Virtual Thursday, Oct. 22, 6-7:30 p.m.; contact kate_alfano@cms.org to register

Registration is required for most meetings; non-members or those unable to be identified at the time of virtual meetings may be removed. Unsure if you are a CMS member? Contact membership@cms.org.

