

Here Are The Dallas Area Physicians Named To TMA's Leadership Roles

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The Texas Medical Association has appointed members to its 25 boards, councils, and committees for the next year. And quite a few are from the Dallas area. They're posted below, courtesy the TMA.

Dallas

Mark A. Casanova, MD, an internal medicine physician in practice for 13 years, was reelected to TMA's Council on Constitution and Bylaws. The council serves as an advisory body on matters pertaining to the TMA Constitution and Bylaws, and handles long-range organizational planning.

Wendy M. Chung, MD, a pediatric infectious disease physician in practice for 10 years, was elected to TMA's Council on Science and Public Health. This council develops TMA policy on critical public health and medical science issues, advances TMA's leadership in medical science and public health advocacy, and provides physicians timely public health and evidence-based scientific information on current topics.

N. Martin Giesecke, MD, an anesthesiologist in practice for 26 years, was reelected to TMA's Council on Medical Education. The council coordinates TMA's medical education activities, studies Texas' physician workforce trends, accredits continuing medical education programs, and monitors physician licensure and credentialing.

Benjamin C. Lee, MD, a pediatrician in practice for 11 years, was reelected to TMA's Council on Health Promotion. The council plans and oversees community outreach programs that enable TMA, the TMA Alliance (a volunteer organization of TMA physicians and spouses), and the TMA Foundation (TMA's philanthropic arm) to improve the health of all Texans.

Andrew Scott Paulson, MD, an oncologist in practice for four years, was appointed to TMA's Committee on Cancer. The committee supervises TMA's cancer-related activities, educates physicians and patients about cancer, and works with other groups on cancer-related care and issues.

Lee Ann Pearse, MD, a pediatric cardiologist in practice for 29 years, was reelected to TMA's Council on Legislation. The council develops and implements legislative policies at the state and national levels to improve our health care system and physicians' practice environment.

James E. Race, MD, an internal medicine physician in practice for 27 years, was reelected to TMA's Council on Practice Management Services. The council oversees all association practice management services provided directly to physicians and their staff.

Ian M. Ratner, MD, a neonatal and perinatal physician in practice for 34 years, was reappointed to TMA's Committee on Maternal and Perinatal Health. The committee reviews and comments on laws, regulations, and activities that affect the health of newborn babies and their mothers.

Pranavi V. Sreeramoju, MD, an infectious disease physician in practice for 10 years, was elected to TMA's Council on Health Care Quality. The council establishes policy on topics surrounding health care quality improvement, such as performance-based measurements and value-based payment programs, and educates physicians about federal and state incentives to improve patient care. It also advocates for fair and sound quality improvement initiatives.

Elizabeth K. Stehel, MD, a pediatrician in practice for 15 years, was reappointed to TMA's Committee on Maternal and Perinatal Health. (See Dr. Ratner's entry above for the committee's charge.)

Robert E. Suter, DO, an emergency physician in practice for 22 years, was reelected to TMA's Council on Health Service Organizations. The council studies, makes recommendations, and takes action related to the organization of and services provided by patient care facilities, including emergency departments; ambulatory surgery centers; hospitals; skilled nursing, long-term care, assisted living, hospice, and other treatment facilities; and home care.

Lisa L. Swanson, MD, a pediatrician in practice for 27 years, was appointed chair of TMA's Committee on Child and Adolescent Health and reappointed to serve another term on the committee. The committee promotes policies that encourage the development of healthy young Texans.

Plano

Michael J. Wells, MD, a dermatologist in practice for 13 years, was reappointed to TMA's Committee on Physician Distribution and Health Care Access. The committee analyzes the physician and allied health care workforce and its impact on health care access, and promotes careers in medicine and the health professions. The committee also monitors the pipelines and programs that prepare physicians to practice in medically underserved areas. Dr. Wells is a member of the Collin-Fannin County Medical Society.

The Colony

Jason M. Marchetti, MD, a physical medicine and rehabilitation physician in practice for 11 years, was appointed to TMA's Patient-Physician Advocacy Committee. The committee evaluates the quality of medical care in Texas and recommends regulatory, legislative, and legal approaches to ensure the highest standard of health care is available for all Texan patients. Dr. Marchetti practices is a member of the Denton County Medical Society.