



TO ALL CALIFORNIA PHYSICIANS SPECIALIZING IN PREVENTIVE MEDICINE OR OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE, OR WORKING IN PUBLIC HEALTH, OR IN A PREVENTION OR HEALTH PROMOTION PROGRAM:

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN, OR RENEW MEMBERSHIP IN, THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE (CAPM)

Advantages of Membership:

There are many reasons to join or to maintain CAPM membership. Members have opportunities to meet and network with our Preventive Medicine and other prevention colleagues throughout the state, something that we don't often get to do as members of a small and scattered specialty. CAPM provides an avenue for us to act collectively to advance the funding, privileges, and influence that we need to be effective as prevention-oriented physicians, to promote our specialty in California, and to advocate improvements in public health policy through legislative action in Sacramento, and by active representation at the California Medical Association (CMA). Many physicians in our type of practice work for some level of government or a large academic institution or corporation, and may be unable to express and advocate individually for causes that they are passionate about. CAPM provides an umbrella to speak as a group.

As a small specialty society, we need the participation of every specialist in Preventive Medicine, Public Health, and Occupational Medicine, plus other physicians interested in those fields.

Physicians who are board-certified, not just in Preventive or Occupational Medicine but any other specialty, and who practice in a setting that emphasizes prevention or public health, are eligible to be fellows in the Academy. All other physicians can be regular members or resident members. Medical student membership is also available.

Our dues are very low for a specialty society (as of 2022, only \$40, and only \$20 for retired members, \$10 for residents, and \$5 for medical students). Therefore, to keep going, we need everyone's dues, plus extra donations that enable us to support special projects. More than half of our members voluntarily add extra money along with their dues, and I hope you will be one of those generous colleagues.

Job Information:

From time to time, we become aware of openings in California for physicians in our areas of practice, and we share these with the general membership. We also help administer a job posting listserv sponsored by CDC that lists jobs throughout the world, which members can join.

Support for Residency Training:

Because most of residency training in Preventive Medicine and Occupational Medicine is not hospital-based, residencies in these disciplines are not eligible for the same type of funding as other residencies. Federal funding through HRSA has not been adequate. CAPM supports efforts to obtain increased federal funding, and state funding if possible.

Action through Organized Medicine:

Our little organization has had a lot of success in shaping the policies of organized medicine in California, each year introducing or supporting multiple prevention and public health-related resolutions approved by the California Medical Association (CMA). Over the years, CAPM has helped shape CMA policy on HIV, smoking, gun safety, injury prevention, nutrition, social determinants of health, environmental health, support for public health programs, and COVID, among many other topics. CMA in turn, with a staff of lobbyists, has helped to bring many of these policies into state law.

Legislative Advocacy:

Each year, CAPM selects approximately a dozen bills in the state legislature on which to become active as supporters, or occasionally opponents. Bills have dealt with the same full range of public health issues mentioned above under organized medicine. In addition, we continue to advise the California Medical Board on the implementation of SB 380, the successful bill that CAPM sponsored in 2011, to require the Board to periodically disseminate information to physicians on nutrition and lifestyle for the prevention and treatment of chronic diseases. There are always several important new public health bills to work on. We try when possible to coordinate our efforts with those of CMA and the Health Officers Association of California.

California Medical Leadership Forum for Public Health and Prevention:

The impact of CAPM reaches far beyond our actual membership in other ways. We sponsor and coordinate quarterly virtual meetings of this Forum, which represents the teachers of prevention and public health at all of the state's schools of medicine and public health, as well as the state Departments of Public Health and of Health Care Services, the Health Officers Association, the CMA and Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, the American College of Preventive Medicine, and CAPM itself. The Forum discusses topical public health challenges and the best ways for schools to teach about them and for the other organizations to address them. It also helps implement CMA resolutions dealing with these issues.

Your Application, Please Complete it Now:

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