

ISMS COUNCIL and COMMITTEE DESCRIPTIONS

The below councils and committees usually meet quarterly with meeting schedules determined by the Council Chair.

Council on Communications and Membership Advocacy, staff leads: Rotert/Josephs/Vazquez

This panel's charge is to oversee and guide ISMS' communications with physician members and non-members, and externally, on behalf of physician interests. Through effective communications and marketing, the council promotes member recruitment and retention.

Council on Economics, staff leads: Porter/Ryan/Powers

Considers issues that involve ongoing relationships with third party payers and healthcare cost and utilization review activities. Deals with all physician-related Medicare and Medicaid issues, credentialing issues, and issues that affect private utilization review practices and concerns.

Council on Education and Health Workforce, staff leads: Valinoti/Hebeisen/Calhoun

Studies and evaluates all phases of medical education and advises on issues of physician licensure and discipline.

Council on Medical Service, staff leads: McGee/Porter

Addresses a wide variety of issues specific to public health and the provision of medical care, including opioids, immunizations, and cannabis, as well as OSHA, CLIA, medical waste, environmental and community health, maternal and child health, and laboratory services.

Governmental Affairs Council, staff leads: O'Brien/Kwasneski

Develops, promotes, and evaluates state and federal legislation, and is responsible for political education on issues affecting physicians and their practice.

Medical Legal Council, staff leads: Kane/DeVito

Focuses on legal developments which affect the medical profession. Develops educational materials designed to enhance understanding of key legal issues.

Ad Hoc Women's Committee, staff leads: Josephs/Maszinski

The overall goals of this committee are to: monitor key issues and policies affecting women's medicine, provide mentorship and leadership for women physicians and medical students, and to expand advocacy and education efforts for women in medicine.

**** NOTE: Meeting schedules are not available at this time (first meeting is normally in August or September). Telephone conference participation is available upon request. Travel reimbursement is provided. All ISMS MSS representatives to ISMS councils are members of the ISMS MSS Governing Council and are expected to participate in its meetings.**