

ISMS Member Benefits

- *Legislative and Member Advocacy*
 - Access to ISMS' in-house Legislative Affairs and Health Policy Research & Advocacy Teams – decades of experience that you can call on as an ISMS member.
 - Timely updates on legislative activity in the Illinois General Assembly.
 - Access to the [Hassle Factor Log](#) and personalized assistance when you experience difficulties or hassles with the policies or procedures of various government agencies and third party payers, including Medicaid, Medicare, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, HMOs, PPOs, IPAs, and more.
 - Featured advocacy news and timely legislative alerts through the [Grassroots Action Center](#) and [Legislative Action Hub](#).
 - [Issue Briefs](#) that equip member physicians with practical information and resources to help them in their everyday practices, with new briefs added every year.
- *Education and Medical/Legal Resources*
 - Dozens of [CME courses](#) and programs offered free of charge or at very low cost.
 - License renewal assistance – ISMS assisted over 1,000 physician members with license renewals in 2017, saving them a total of \$16,500 as well as immeasurable time doing paperwork.
 - [Brochures and medical/legal resources](#) on current hot topics for physician or patient use.
 - Quality products and services at discounted rates from our [Member Benefit Partners](#).
- *ISMS Publications*
 - [Physician Advocate](#), featuring up-to-date information on the latest news, current hot topics and legislative activity concerning physicians and patients; distributed electronically on a bi-weekly basis.
 - [Off the Charts](#), a publication designed to give practice management professionals the tools and information they need; distributed electronically on a quarterly basis.
- *Networking and Leadership Opportunities*
 - ISMS members have numerous opportunities to participate, from the [ISMS annual meeting](#) and other educational events to service on [councils, committees](#), other workgroups, and the Board of Trustees.
 - Members guide the Society through our [newly revamped policy-making process](#), and the Society helps guide the practice of medicine in Illinois and nationwide.
 - Any member can help shape medical policy by [submitting a resolution](#) to ISMS at any time.
- *Professional Development Tools*, including our Career Center and Mentor Center.
- *IMPAC*— while not directly connected with ISMS, [IMPAC](#) is the unified political action arm of Illinois physicians and their allies, and works to support legislators friendly to physicians and the practice of good medicine.