



Member Benefits

Legislative Advocacy

- o Access to ISMS' in-house Legislative Affairs and Health Policy Research & Advocacy Teams.
- o Timely updates on legislative activity in the Illinois General Assembly.
- o 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.
- o Featured advocacy news and timely legislative alerts through the [Grassroots Action Center](#) and [Legislative Action Hub](#).
- o [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

- o More than 35 hours of [CME courses](#) and webinars offered complimentary and on-demand to all members.
- o License renewal assistance – ISMS assisted over 1,000 physician members with license renewals in 2017, saving them a total of \$16,500 in addition to immeasurable time doing paperwork.
- o [Brochures and medical/legal resources](#) on current hot topics for physician or patient use.
- o Quality products and services at discounted rates from our [Member Benefit Partners](#).

COVID-19 Resources

- o The [COVID-19 Resource Hub](#) is constantly being updated by staff with new information and tips on how to keep you and your patients healthy and safe.
- o [Webinars and courses](#) on telemedicine, physician burnout, and several other topics are available to members complimentary and on-demand.

Networking and Leadership Opportunities

- o ISMS members have numerous opportunities to get involved, such as attending the [ISMS Annual Meeting](#) and other educational events as well as serving on ISMS' [councils](#), [committees](#), other work groups, and the Board of Trustees.
- o Members guide the Society through our [newly revamped policy-making process](#), and the Society helps guide the practice of medicine in Illinois and nationwide.
- o Any member can help shape medical policy by [submitting a resolution](#) to ISMS at any time.

ISMS Publications

- o [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.
- o [Off the Charts](#), a publication designed to give practice management professionals the tools and information they need; distributed electronically on a quarterly basis.

Professional Development Tools

- o ISMS' [Mentor Center](#) is an online community platform that helps members form mentor-mentee relationships with other member physicians, medical students, residents, and fellows throughout Illinois.
- o The [Career Center](#) helps match ISMS members with new job openings in their area.

IMPAC

- o 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.

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