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Why Is the AMA Still Relevant?

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The AMA likes to characterize itself as representing all US physicians. I know of no psychiatrists in my area who are AMA members. Few physicians of any specialty belong to the AMA.

From Wikipedia: "A 2011 article asserted that 'somewhere in the neighborhood of 15% of practicing US doctors now belong to the AMA. 'Membership total as of Dec 31, 2011 (including residents and students) was 217,490 of approximately 954,000 practicing physicians."

The AMA controls the CPT codes and determines the Relative Value Units algorithm that we all hate. I am sure that if you complained to the AMA about their politics and unwarranted influence, they would say, "Join so you can have a voice." After taking your dues, I am sure they would say, "Sit down and shut up."

Does anybody have an idea how the AMA can be stripped of its monopoly powers? Is this a racketeering, class action, or Sherman Anti-trust case waiting for a sharp lawyer?

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They aren't relative. They only get used as a pawn by the govenment.

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It isn't but as long as we let it, it will continue billing itself as being our representative.

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It simply needs to be replaced by an organization that truly represents American physicians.

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Money, they have it and the politicians want it.

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They aren't relevant.

But they will present themselves as relevant for political purposes until we come up with a better mousetrap.

We desperately need a PR campaign for physicians.

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Dermatology



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What about our specialty boards. Total monopoly power and no democratic process. Like the AMA they answer to larger interests. At least the AMA leadership is made up of physicians a lot more than the US Congress. I would rather answer to the AMA than other non-physician led entities even if the AMA IS becoming more and more irrelevant to the average practicing physician.

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Internal Medicine



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they are not relevant to our future proper and appropriate professional autonomy and purpose...they are a fraudulent org, a false front as a Dr representative group, quite clearly, and heavily compromised by conflicts of interest...in short, they are morally and ethically reprehensible and administratively deceitful and deluded...

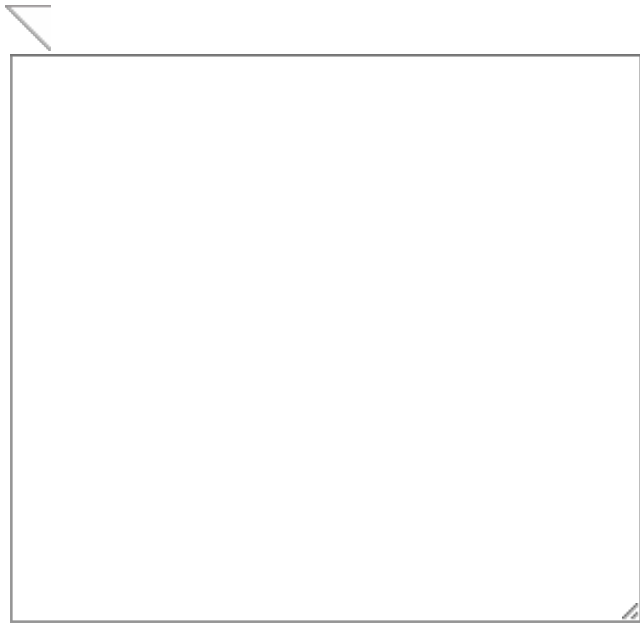
who are these Drs who go to Chicago to be a suit and live a massive lie? how do they look themselves in the mirror? the only way to disempower them is to defund them, ie don't join, buy none of their group insurance plans and opt out of 3rd party contracts as they're the link to their worst duplicitous behavior, the phenomenonly corrupted contraptions of coding for billing

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