EDPMA MISSION:

EDPMA advocates for emergency department physician groups and their practice partners to enhance quality patient care through operational excellence and financial stability. EDPMA is focused on advocating for beneficial policies for emergency physician groups and educating its members about emerging legislative and regulatory issues.

EDPMA is the national trade association representing Emergency Department Physician Groups, Emergency Department Billing Companies, and Supporting Organizations that make it their business to deliver quality care in the emergency department.

SUMMARY
The EDPMA Board of Directors, Task Forces and Committees oversee and carryout focused activities to achieve the organization’s strategic objectives. The strategies to achieve the EDPMA mission, as determined by the Board, are advocacy, education, membership, and organizational vitality. The activities underlying each strategy are described in the following annual report.

EDPMA is committed to providing its members with enhanced membership value. EDPMA achieved this through strategic partnerships in its advocacy efforts and a number of technological initiatives. Collaborating with like-minded organizations has increased our effectiveness and provided EDPMA members more opportunities to grow their businesses.

EDPMA’s flagship event, Solutions Summit XIII, was held in Key Biscayne, Florida from June 21-23, 2010. The Solutions Summit was branded with its own website and marketing materials to promote the conference to members and non-members alike. More than 200 health care professionals attended the Summit.

To create membership value throughout the year, EDPMA launched a webinar series in September 2010. The series, housed at www.edpma.org, features relevant industry topics and best practices providing members an additional outlet for continuing education and expanding their knowledge base.
To be an effective voice for emergency medicine physician groups and their partners, EDPMA strives to be a visible, influential, respected, and cooperative advocate for an efficient and fair legislative and regulatory environment. EDPMA’s advocacy efforts strives to deliver high-quality and sustainable emergency department patient care.

EDPMA’s lobbying efforts are led by Joyce Cowan, Esq., a partner in Morgan Lewis’ FDA and Healthcare Practice.

EDPMA ADVOCACY SNAPSHOT:

- In April 2011, EDPMA launched a state legislative tracking system. This fully automated online system provides legislative alerts and update, information on current legislation, profiles of elected officials and much more. It is located in the members-only section of www.edpma.org
- EDPMA filed comments on SGR reform to the House Energy & Commerce Committee
- EDPMA and ACEP filed joint comments to CMS regarding Accountable Care Organizations
- EDPMA filed comments with CMS regarding EMTALA and hospitals with specialized capabilities
- EDPMA and the Healthcare Billing Management Association (HBMA) filed comments to CMS regarding PECOS
- EDPMA filed comments with CMS’s Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight regarding patient protections from the PPACA
- EDPMA and ACEP filed joint comments regarding CMS’s proposed regulations on additional screening requirements, payment suspensions, and temporary enrollment moratoria in Medicare, Medicaid, and Children’s Health Programs
- EDPMA filed comments on the 2011 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule
- EDPMA filed comments with the Texas Department of Insurance regarding network adequacy
EDPMA is committed to equipping its members with timely and pertinent knowledge, resources, and networking to support sustainable, quality patient care through operational excellence and financial stability. EDPMA fulfills this objective through the organization’s annual conference, Solutions Summit, and by offering webinars on relevant industry topics and best practices.

SOLUTIONS SUMMIT XIII
The EDPMA Solutions Summit XIII was held at the Ritz Carlton in Key Biscayne, FL on June 21-23, 2010.

SOLUTIONS SUMMIT XIII ATTENDANCE-AT-A-GLANCE
- 210 total attendees
- 61% of attendees are senior level or C-Suite management

SOLUTIONS SUMMIT XIV
The EDPMA Solutions Summit XIV is being held at the Venetian, Las Vegas from May 15-18, 2011.

SOLUTIONS SUMMIT XV
The EDPMA Solutions Summit XV will be held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel and Towers from May 20-22, 2012.

WEBINARS
EDPMA webinars are interactive seminars hosted by industry experts discussing industry hot topics, best practices, and special interests. The EDPMA webinar series launched in September, 2010 and provide continuing education to members throughout the year without burdening them with time away from the office or travel expenses. The following are webinars hosted by EDPMA, some of which are still available on-demand to EDPMA members:

- The Next Frontier: Telemedicine in Emergency Medicine
- Bucking Conventional Wisdom: A Systems Approach for Managing Difficult to Treat Repeat Patients
- New Congress, New Year: What does it mean for you?

2010 Attendees by Job Title
EDPMA recognizes its strength comes from a membership that is diverse and sizeable. EDPMA is committed to providing an extensive array of services to members that will address their needs. EDPMA is proud of the diversity of size in its physician group members, and over 68% of our physician group members have patient visits of 500,000 or less per year.

EDPMA is proud to provide efficiencies in membership services by streamlining website content to make it easier to find the information members need. In July 2010 EDPMA launched a redesigned website, which features an exclusive members-only area dedicated to delivering the latest in advocacy and health policy information.
EDPMA establishes policies and procedures to ensure appropriate governance, strong leadership, financial stability, utilization of best association practices, and ethically sound practices for the purpose of ensuring a respected and balanced organization (volunteer leaders, task forces and finance).

EDPMA Task Forces are comprised of leading experts as well as those wishing to learn about, or get involved with, new issues. We encourage members to join Task Forces most relevant to their business and practice. To join an EDPMA Task Force, please contact info@edpma.org. All additions to Task Forces are subject to the approval of the company’s designated main representative.

In 2009, EDPMA selected Association Management Group, Inc., McLean, VA, as its management partner. AMG provides professional staffing, headquarters and infrastructure services to EDPMA and its members.
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