

Independent Practice Physicians Section Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Independent Practice Physician Section (IPPS)?

The Independent Practice Physician Section was established to promote involvement of the physicians working in independent practices in advocacy. Independent practice is defined as a practice owned and controlled by physicians in which physicians have key decision-making rights. This section will encourage independent physicians to participate in leadership, advocacy, and other activities of the Pennsylvania Medical Society (PAMED).

Who can be a member of the IPPS?

All independent active, associate, and retired members of PAMED are eligible to join the section.

How is the IPPS governed, when does it meet and how is it funded?

The Governing Council consists of a Chair, Vice Chair, five Members-at-Large, and a Section Trustee. In addition to meeting at the House of Delegates, the section currently meets monthly via Zoom.

Financial support is provided as allocated in the PAMED budget.

What are the Active Committees of the IPPS?

Networking Committee – Foundational team focused on growing IPPS membership and fostering meaningful connections among independent physicians.

Health Insurance Committee – Dedicated to supporting independent practices with insurance navigation, patient coverage advocacy, and exploring innovative options for employee health benefits.

Physician Recruitment Committee – Focused on helping individual private practices recruit physicians directly, offering an alternative to large corporate and network-based employment models.

Office Operations Committee – Providing guidance and resources to enhance the day-to-day operations of independent practices, including EMR selection, workflow optimization, and potential revenue-generating services.

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Why should I join PAMED and/or the IPPS?

We are stronger working together and advocating for the changes needed to survive and thrive! We need to work together across the entire state, with individual practices and other interested groups like IPA's and CIN's, to achieve our goals. In addition, you can access all the membership benefits if you aren't already a [PAMED](#) member.

Where can I find more information about the IPPS | or join PAMED?

Visit the [IPPS website](#) to find out more and see our current officers and delegates. To join PAMED, visit [Become a Member](#) or scan the QR code to the right.



Contact Sharon DeSantis @ sdesantis@pamedsoc.org if you have any additional questions.