

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (“Corporation”)

as approved by members May 2, 2024

The following provisions shall be included with and form part of the articles of incorporation of the Corporation:

1:1 Classes

The Association has eight classes of membership:

- a) Ordinary Members,
- b) Non-Resident Members,
- c) Life Members,
- d) Honorary Members,
- e) Non-Physician Members,
- f) Medical Students,
- g) Residents, and
- h) Retired Physicians.

1:1:1 Ordinary Members

The following persons are eligible to apply to the Association to become Ordinary Members,

- a) physicians who hold, or are eligible to hold, a valid certificate of registration issued by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and reside or work in the province of Ontario, and
- b) physicians employed by the Federal Government or Canadian Armed Forces while assigned to duty in the province of Ontario.

1:1:2 Non-Resident Members

Physicians who neither reside nor work in Ontario may be admitted as Non-Resident Members, provided they have been members of the Association within three years of the date of their application for membership. Non-Resident Members do not have the right to vote in any election of the Association, including elections of Board Directors.

1:1:3 Life Members

Ordinary Members and Non-Resident Members in good standing who have attained the age of 65 years and who have made an outstanding contribution to the work of the Association, medical science or common good in Ontario, are eligible to be elected by the Board of Directors of the Association as Life Members. Life Members have the same duties, rights and privileges in the Association as they previously held as Ordinary Members or Non-Resident Members. Life Members are exempt from the payment of dues.

1:1:4 Honorary Members

The Board of Directors of the Association may, by a two-thirds majority vote, elect persons who have attained eminence in science and/or humanities as Honorary Members. The number of Honorary Members of the Association shall at no time exceed 25. Honorary Members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Association, with the exception of the right to vote. Honorary Members are exempt from payment of annual dues.

1:1:5 Non-Physician Members

Non-physicians elected as Directors or appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board are automatically Non-Physician Members until they cease to be directors. The number of Non-Physician Members of the Association shall at no time exceed 3. Non-Physician Members shall be entitled to all privileges of the Association, except voting to ratify physician services agreements set out in section 12:1(d). Non-Physician Members are exempt from payment of annual dues.

1:1:6 Medical Students

All undergraduate medical students enrolled in one of the accredited medical schools in the province of Ontario are eligible to be Medical Student Members of the Association. Medical Students Members shall have the same duties, rights and privileges in the Association as Ordinary Members.

1:1:7 Residents

All post-graduate medical residents training in accredited programs in Ontario which lead to certification by either the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC) or the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), are eligible to be Resident Members of the Association. Resident Members shall have the same duties, rights and privileges in the Association as Ordinary Members.

1:1:8 Retired Physicians

An Ordinary Member who no longer holds a valid certificate of registration issued by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario because he or she no longer practices medicine shall become a Retired Member. Retired Members shall have the same duties, rights and privileges in the Association as Ordinary Members.