“COTH membership helps ensure that we have an effective voice in places that matter.”
—Barry R. Freedman, President and CEO, Einstein Healthcare Network

“… best source of knowledge about what’s happening in academic medicine.”
—Ralph W. Muller, CEO, University of Pennsylvania Health System

“The Council of Teaching Hospitals provides a unique forum to share information …”
—Marna P. Borgstrom, President & CEO, Yale New Haven Health System; CEO, Yale-New Haven Hospital

“We relied on information developed by COTH to understand what an AMC of the future should be …”
—Will Ferniany, CEO, University of Alabama Birmingham Medicine

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The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), along with the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems (COTH), are committed to producing a medical workforce that can deliver value, safety, affordability, and quality to improve health for all at the nation's teaching hospitals. We bring together industry thought-leaders on issues that can advance graduate medical education, increase price transparency, integrate new Medicaid models, promote insurance exchanges, and improve the value of academic medical centers.

Through its many activities, COTH leaders strive to strengthen the role that teaching hospitals and health systems play in national health policy discussions and educating the next generation of health professionals. The AAMC, working with COTH members, provides essential connections, guidance, and networking opportunities to help leaders stay abreast of key issues and excel in their healthcare missions.

COTH provides resources to help members:
- Incorporate industry best practices and innovative solutions to better serve their communities.
- Gain expertise in critical skills and strategies from leading-edge teaching hospital executives.
- Understand the impact new regulations and pending legislation will have on their patients, trainees, and institutions.
- Engage more deeply in national health policy discussions.
- Find resources to support their teams working at the nexus of clinical care, research and education.

ABOUT COTH
The Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems (COTH) is composed of approximately 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems, including 47 Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. COTH was established in 1965 to provide representation and services related to the special needs, concerns, and opportunities facing major teaching hospitals in the United States and Canada. COTH serves as the principal source of hospital and health system input into overall AAMC policy and direction.

Led by chief executive officers and other senior healthcare executives, COTH activities focus on issues of particular interest to the academic medicine community, including Medicare direct and indirect medical education payments, disproportionate share payments, teaching physician regulations, physician training and care delivery redesign.

Membership in COTH gives teaching hospital executives access to a wealth of research, resources, and services to manage professional development groups, advocacy efforts, data services, quality initiatives, meetings and seminars, and publications on policy and practice. Through continuous innovation, knowledge-sharing, and advocacy, COTH works to influence and shape the issues challenging today's academic medical centers.

THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP
Membership in COTH provides institutions with the resources needed to lead their teams in organizational transformation, growth, and strategic activities that can make an impact on healthcare policies nationwide.

Professional and Organizational Growth
- Obtain robust support and guidance from AAMC experts in new payment and care delivery models.
- Learn about improving communication and coordination between primary care and specialty physicians from the E-consults initiative.
- Build strong networks and engage with peers at AAMC-sponsored events and forums.
- Promote the organization's success in clinical innovation through AAMC Innovation Challenge Awards.
- Gain valuable insights from webinars and briefings on clinical care, medical education topics, and research policies and initiatives.
- Create a culture of safety based on a collection of AAMC's Integrating Quality initiatives.
- Stay competitive and cost-effective with the GME Leadership Course, which prepares institutions to meet the latest GME requirements and apply innovative practices.

Health Care Advocacy and Policy
- Help shape health care policy through regulatory comment letters, visits to Capitol Hill, and participation in COTH-sponsored policy groups.
- Stay abreast of the latest government activities impacting health systems and academic medicine.
- Access valuable resources about training the physician workforce.
- Host a Project Medical Education event to ensure your legislators and other local policy makers understand the value you are bringing to the community.
- Take advantage of our campaigns and coalitions to raise awareness of issues important to teaching hospitals and health systems.
- Participate in advocacy activities through the AAMC Action mobile app and Member Action Center resources.
- Enable your government relations team to partner with the AAMC to increase the collective impact.

Critical Data, News, and Research
- Inform your strategic planning process with comparative data provided through COTH surveys.
- Assess the financial impact of proposed and final Medicare regulations on your organization through AAMC Impact reports.
- Let our team assist you in using Hospital Compare quality data to benchmark your institution's results against peer organizations.
- Receive timely information on leadership, professional development opportunities, and leading-edge initiatives.
- Promote your organization's successes in our innovations blog and expand your impact through our social media network.
- Obtain complete access to the latest workforce reports on state and specialty supply trends, graduate medical education, and emerging workforce roles in new care delivery and payment models.