

# Milestones in Texas Medicine

**1853** Texas Medical Association founded, Austin; 35 members

**1861-65** American Civil War

**1869** TMA's first Annual Session convenes

**1905** Texas State Journal of Medicine (Texas Medicine) begins publication, Ira Chase, MD, editor

**1907** Texas Medical Practice Act becomes law (TMA supports)

**1909** Texas State Board of Health (Texas Department of State Health Services) established (TMA supports)

**1913** Legislation passes to establish county hospitals (TMA supports)

**1922** TMA moves to Newby Bldg., Fort Worth; 3,676 members

**1922** TMA Library opens

**1928** Alexander Fleming discovers penicillin

**1935** Social Security Act signed into law

**1952** Jonas Salk produces the polio vaccine

**1953** TMA's 100th anniversary

**1955** TMA Insurance Trust established

**1955** African American physicians become eligible to join TMA

**1964** Civil Rights Act signed into law

**1965** Medicaid and Medicare established

**1976** TMA Medical Student Section created

**1985** Indigent Health Care Bill passes (TMA supports)

**1987** TMA Young Physician Section created

**1991** TMA Hassle Factor Log (Reimbursement Review and Resolution service) created

TMA moves to 401 W. 15th St., Austin; 29,936 members

**1998** Nancy Dickey, MD (TMA member), becomes first female AMA president

**1999** TMA Practice Consulting created

**2001** RICO lawsuit yields settlements against for-profit HMOs (TMA supports)

**2004** TMA creates Be Wise – Immunize (Vaccines Defend What Matters)

**2006** TMA Health Information Technology Helpline opens

HPV vaccine approved

**2015** Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate payment formula eliminated (TMA supports)

**2018** TMA Insurance Trust sponsors free CME for members in the TMA Education Center

**2019** TMA Women Physicians Section created

Texas Tobacco 21 law passes (TMA supports)

**2022** TMA wins federal lawsuit on surprise-billing rule

56,208 members

1853-1869 1869-1904 1905-1913 1914-1918 1922-1935 1939-1952 1952-1955 1960-1962 1964-1976 1976-1980 1985-1991 1993-1997 1998-2001 2003 2004-2006 2009-2012 2015-2019 2020 2022

**1869-1904** TMA publishes Transactions of the Texas State Medical Association (Texas Medicine)

**1882** Robert Koch discovers tuberculosis bacterium

**1885** Rabies vaccine developed

**1886** Lone Star State Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Association founded for African Americans in the health field

**1887** Florence Collins, MD, becomes first female TMA member

**1903** TMA moves to Fort Worth National Bank Bldg.; 384 members

**1914** Tetanus vaccine introduced

**1914-18** World War I

**1915** First scientific exhibits shown at the TMA Annual Session

**1918** Influenza pandemic

**1918** Woman's Auxiliary to TMA (TMA Alliance) established

**1939-45** World War II

**1942** Influenza vaccine produced

Communicable Disease Center (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) opens

**1948** TMA moves to Austin; 5,382 members

World Health Organization opens

**1952** TMA moves to 1801 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin; 5,859 members

**1960** U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves birth control pill

**1960** May Owen, MD, becomes first female TMA president

**1960** TMA Action (Texas Medicine Today) newsletter begins publication

**1962** TEXPAC forms

**1976** TMA Resident Physician Section (Resident and Fellow Section) created

**1979** Texas Medical Liability Trust established

**1979-80** Mario Efrain Ramirez, MD, becomes first Hispanic TMA president

**1993** TMA Foundation established

**1995** TMA creates Hard Hats for Little Heads

**1996** TMA website, [texmed.org](http://texmed.org), launches

**1997** TMA International Medical Graduate Section created

**2003** Human Genome Project completed

The Physicians Foundation established

TMA's sesquicentennial; 38,000 members

TMA First Tuesdays at the Capitol inaugurated

Texas medical liability "tort" reform passes as constitutional amendment (TMA supports)

TMA Knowledge Center created

**2009-10** William Fleming III, MD, becomes first African American TMA president

**2010** TMA Leadership College created

Congress passes the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

**2012** TMA joins the Walk With a Doc movement

**2020** World Health Organization declares a COVID-19 pandemic

TMA COVID-19 Task Force mobilizes

TMA distributes more than \$97 million in PPE to Texas physicians

TMA releases COVID-19 Practice Viability Toolkit

TMA LGBTQ Health Section created

First COVID-19 vaccine receives emergency use authorization

TMA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force created