



OMA Networks Charter

Purpose:

1. Define the mandate of the networks
2. Define the responsibilities of the networks
3. Outline the structure of the networks
4. Amendments

1. Network Mandate

The networks will promote physician leader collaboration, issue identification, and two-way knowledge and resource sharing with constituency groups and the OMA.

2. Specific Network Responsibilities

Each Network will:

- Provide a forum for constituency groups with similar interests to collaborate in identifying, prioritizing common issues, and proposing resolutions, this information is shared with senior leadership within the OMA via dedicated OMA support staff.
- Support two-way information exchange between the network and broader constituency group leadership.
- Facilitate the sharing of resources, particularly across smaller constituency groups, to assist them with their ability to respond to requests for input from the OMA
- Provide a forum for constituency groups to work together to ensure that their common views are expressed
- Advocate to protect and promote the best interests of the profession
- Conduct effective meetings utilizing dedicated staff-support tools and resources such as professional facilitation, meeting agendas and action plans when required
- Stimulate collaboration, support, and teamwork
- Monitor progress in achieving the network's goals and participate in a self-assessment of the network as requested by OMA staff

3. Structure of the Networks

Composition of the Networks:

- Networks are collaboration forums composed of OMA physician leaders from sections, districts and fora with common interests, goals and issues. Other future OMA constituency structures formally approved by the association could also be assigned to a network.
- Networks exist as groups of constituencies with partial fixed membership. Each network will have unique priorities, issues and tasks that will need collaborative work.
- Constituency group chairs will comprise the fixed membership of the network and depending on the subject of each discussion, constituencies may choose to invite a second elected leader from their executive to participate ad hoc.
- Each network will appoint a chair and optional vice-chair to support the planning and facilitation of meetings and network-related activities. The chair and vice-chair must hold an elected or appointed position on a constituency group executive.
- Networks can invite guests and observers at the discretion of the network chair.

Network Chair, Vice Chair and Broader Member position descriptions:

Network chair responsibilities will include:

- Understanding the issues that are most important to the constituency groups in the network and representing these to the OMA on behalf of the network
- Calling network meetings
- Facilitating and optimizing the constructive involvement and participation of members in the network
- Acting as the primary point of contact for network business

Network vice-chair responsibilities will include:

- Understanding the issues that are most important to the constituency groups in the network
- Assisting the network chair in their duties and assuming the responsibilities of the network chair when the chair is absent or unable to perform the chair's duties
- Supporting the network chair in providing leadership and in communicating regularly with members of the network

Broader member responsibilities will include:

- Understanding the issues that are most pressing to their individual constituency group and raising those with the network.
- Identifying constituency group executive members to attend network meetings based on agenda items.
- Sharing information discussed at the network back to the constituency group leadership.

There are five Networks:

- Four networks consist of section constituency groups that include Primary Care, Medical, Surgical, and Diagnostic.
 - Sections can request a change on which network to align with. On invitation sections may also participate in another network's activities if work or priorities

align with their interests.

- The Regional Network is composed of districts and the Rural Forum

4. Amendments

- Amendments to this charter are subject to approval of the OMA board of directors.

Approved by the OMA board of directors on October 29, 2025