



# THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE OF CHICAGO

## MEMBERSHIP

### Criteria, Types, and Fees

The Institute of Medicine of Chicago (IOMC) is open to new members throughout the year. Nominees or applicants are reviewed on a monthly basis by the Membership Committee. [Complete an application or nominate a person here.](#)

Fellows shall be graduates in medicine and the other health fields, or distinguished persons engaged in allied pursuits (focused on health care), whose professional contributions are meritorious, who are recognized leaders, who have demonstrated an active interest in the health of the community, who manifest the highest ethics, standards, and principles of professionalism, and who possess those professional and personal attributes which make the individual desirable for membership in the Institute.

## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

There are six categories of IOMC members (per bylaws May 2020), they are:

Section 4.4. Membership Types. The Board of Governors shall establish specific criteria defining membership categories. In general, the Institute shall have multiple categories of membership: as the medical/health field changes, the IOMC Membership Committee will, from time to time, re-define categories of IOMC membership and suggest criteria for policies for Board approval.

- a) **Fellows** (1) shall be graduates in medicine/health industry, or distinguished persons engaged in allied pursuits, whose professional contributions are meritorious, who have demonstrated an active interest in the health of the community, who manifest the highest ethics, standards, and principles of professionalism, and who possess those professional and personal attributes which make the individual desirable for membership in the Institute.
- b) **Emeritus Fellows** (2) shall be those Fellows who have retired from active healthcare endeavors, have been members in good standing for a minimum of five years, and who have requested in writing that they be designated as Emeritus Fellows. Emeritus Fellows shall be exempt from payment of dues.
- c) **Honorary Fellows** (3) shall be individuals significantly contributing to the welfare of the community and who have contributed to, or have been interested in health industry. Such members shall be so designated by the Board of Governors and shall be non-voting members and exempt from dues .
- d) **Associate Fellows** (4) shall be health industry professionals who demonstrate the professional and personal attributes that are compatible with Fellowship, and who manifest the highest ethics, standards, and principles of professionalism, which are expected to achieve the professional accomplishments that would make them eligible for full Fellowship. Not eligible for voting.
- e) **Students/Associate-in-Training** (5) shall be students pursuing an undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate degree who demonstrate the professional and personal attributes that are compatible with Fellowship, and who manifest the highest ethics, standards, and principles of professionalism.
- f) **Billings Society Fellow** (6) shall be IOMC Fellows who have demonstrated, in a given year, a commitment to the financial success of IOMC by making a donation in that year of an amount determined by the Board of Governors. They can serve as chairpersons for IOMC Committees.

## DUES

Membership dues are paid on a calendar basis beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.



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The rates are:

Billings Fellows	\$350 US Dollars per year
Regular Fellows	\$175 US Dollars per year
Associate Fellows	\$95 US Dollars per year

## BENEFITS

### FELLOW

**Fellows** serve on committee/s, work groups or other activities approved by the Board. Fellows are graduates from healthcare programs or distinguished persons engaged in allied professions. Fellows have professional contributions that are meritorious, are recognized leaders, have demonstrated an active interest in the health of the community, manifest the highest ethics, standards, and principles of professionalism, and possess those professional and personal attributes which make the individual desirable for Fellowship in the Institute.

Benefits of Joining IOMC as a Fellow:

- Peers recognize your scholarship, professionalism, and leadership
- Automatic subscription to IOMC Quarterly newsletter
- Discounts for IOMC Leadership Breakfasts
- Early registration to events
- Opportunities to contribute to the future of IOMC and strategic planning
- Opportunities to disseminate your work and ideas in a variety of ways
- Opportunity to mentor future healthcare leaders.

### BILLINGS SOCIETY FELLOW

**Billings Society Fellow:** serve as a leader within IOMC and receive recognition at IOMC programs and publications. Billings Society Fellows are active leaders and ambassadors of IOMC.

Benefits to Billings Society Fellow:

- Fellow Benefits
- Recognition in printed materials, as appropriate
- Leadership opportunities with committees, work groups, or special projects
- Invited ambassador for keynote speaking requests

Both Fellows and Billings Society Fellows need to be nominated by a colleague or board member or recognized leader in the industry. The nominator(s) need to provide a summary of the rationale for IOMC membership and provide information justification for membership at Member or Fellow level. Letters of recommendation are always welcomed and in the instances where the candidate's qualifications are not obvious letters become very helpful in the decision process. (Example: Physician recognized by peers and patients).



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#### ASSOCIATE FELLOW

An **Associate Fellow** may request to join IOMC without a nomination or sponsor by completing an application and submitting to IOMC for consideration.

The Membership Committee will review all applicants for Associate Fellow and if approved, will move the application to the Executive Committee for final approval. The number of Associate Fellows is managed by the association and based on the number of Fellows to maintain a ratio of Fellows and Billings Fellows to Associate Fellows.

Once approved, the **Associate Fellow** should be provided with IOMC Fellow mentors to suggest and monitor their progress.

**A three to five year process** which incorporates the membership committee in reviewing the Member's year achievements in their:

- Professional development
- Leadership
- Scholarship
- Clinical activities
- Participation in IOMC activities
- Community involvement-involvement with actions demonstrating an active and interest in the health of the community.

**Associate Fellows** will be advised by specifically designated fellows as to the route by which they attain Fellowship. Although, in general, Associate Fellow members are expected to achieve Fellow status within 3-5 years member status may continue if so desired without the need to progress to Fellow.

#### Guidelines for Distinguishing between Associate Fellow and Fellow

Both Fellow and Associate Fellow must maintain professional development, and have expertise in health care and graduate healthcare programs. (This implies a terminal degree in a relevant field.) While Fellows typically have terminal degrees in health fields or health-related fields, their contributions to health care and health status are more important than their disciplinary degrees.

ASSOCIATE FELLOW	FELLOW
Early career	Mid-career and beyond with multiple recognized contributions
Holds Leadership (Local or National)	Influential Leader(Local or National) Recognized leader in the organization
Overall Impact-Local work/activity	Overall Impact-National work/activity
Demonstrated scholarship & allied pursuits, professional and attributes	Multiple recognized contributions
Active participant-clinical	Recognize for their activity, quality, and compassion, etc.
Awards/scholarships-Local	Award/Scholarships-National
Local Board Member/Committee Member	National Committee Member

For more information, send an email with your questions to IOMC at [iomcstaff@iomc.org](mailto:iomcstaff@iomc.org).