



# Na Leo Ola

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## Registration for Ola Pono Ike 2022 Now Available Online

Mark your calendars and join us for our lively and spirited annual gala event, Ola Pono Ike! This event marks a triumphant return to social gatherings as we continue our fight against Covid-19. It's also a time to celebrate the amazing work our healthcare professionals have done the past two years. We'll be installing our new HMA officers and presenting three very special awards to individuals who went above and beyond the call to serve our local community.



Our keynote address will be given by AMA President, Dr. Gerald Harmon. A known dynamic speaker, his address is something you won't want to miss!

Monies raised from our Ola Pono Ike auctions will go to nonprofit charities in the healthcare industry, including the Philippine Medical Missions and the Homeless Outreach and Medical Education (HOME) project at JABSOM. We are accepting silent and live auction donations; for more information, contact Yvonne Morris at (808) 536-7704 or [y.morris@hawaiiomedicalassociation.org](mailto:y.morris@hawaiiomedicalassociation.org).

Sponsor table registrations and individual tickets are now on sale! To register online, please visit our website at [hawaiiomedicalassociation.org](http://hawaiiomedicalassociation.org). You can also get a printable registration from the same website.

**Ola Pono Ike**  
**Saturday, January 15, 2022**  
**5:30 p.m. - Cocktails**  
**6:30 p.m. - Dinner and Program**

### Physician Health Articles from AMA

Practicing physicians, residents, and medical students alike can suffer from burnout. The AMA offers guidance and targeted solutions to support physician wellness, including personalized learning on best practices for preventing physician burnout, rediscovering joy in medicine, creating a culture of team-based care, and improving practice efficiency.

To read more about physician well-being from the AMA, visit [www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/physician-health](http://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/physician-health).

### HCMS 2021 Annual Meeting Announcement

Join us for a celebratory evening as we look at our successes, plan for the future, and gather as Honolulu's physicians society. Your vote is also needed as we look to approve changes to our bylaws and elect our leaders for 2022. To receive the Zoom sign in, please RSVP by November 26, 2021 to Yvonne Morris at [y.morris@hcmsonline.org](mailto:y.morris@hcmsonline.org) or by phone at 808.536.7704. Hope to see everyone there!

## Elizabeth (Liz) Tam, MD (1953 - 2021)



One of Hawaii's premier healthcare educators and practitioners, **Dr. Elizabeth (Liz) Tam** passed away on October 9, 2021. Her outstanding career was marked by many milestones: 30 years on the faculty of JABSOM; 15 years as Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicine and only the second Native Hawaiian chairperson; double-boarded in Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Medicine; respected and revered mentor to students and residents; and generous community volunteer. **Dr. Angela Pratt**, President of the Hawaii Medical Association, remembered Dr. Tam as "an inspiring researcher and advocate in lung health, an outstanding role model and mentor

to all in the Hawaiian community and far beyond. We express our heartfelt condolences to Dr. Tam's family, as we remember her fondly and continue to be touched by her legacy."

## Latest News From the Department of Health Covid Vaccine for Children Safe and Effective

The Hawai'i Department of Health is authorizing certified vaccination providers to administer Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine for children age 5-11 immediately. This authorization is consistent with recommendations made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"The CDC reviewed the clinical data and determined the vaccine is safe. The Pfizer vaccine is effective in preventing severe illness and death. The vaccine will provide another important layer of protection in keeping our children and the entire community safe," said Health Director Dr. Elizabeth Char, FACEP.

The U.S. Food and Drug

Administration issued emergency use authorization for the Pfizer vaccine for children age 5-11 last week. The Pfizer vaccine dose for children age 5-11 is 10 micrograms, 1/3 the dose used for adults.

Shipments of the state's initial order of 41,700 doses of vaccine for children began arriving in early November. Vaccination providers can begin administering the vaccines as soon as their deliveries arrive and their clinics are established.

Vaccinations for children will be available at more than 200 locations statewide including medical facilities, community health centers, mobile clinics, pharmacies, pediatrician's

## Executive Director's Message *by Marc Alexander*



From HMA's inception in 1856 as the "Hawaiian Medical Society" to its present as the "Hawaii Medical Association,"

the advancement of medical care for the benefit of patients and the community, and the well-being and professionalism of the medical profession, have been at the heart of our mission. While much attention is given to the advancement of medical care and professionalism of physicians, I wonder whether more attention needs to be directed to the mental and physical well-being of physicians. The original petition states as one of the founding purposes of the society, "the cultivation of harmony and good feeling among its members." Let us remember the wise words of our founders as we move into 2022.



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offices, and more than 130 public, private and charter schools.

Information on where children's vaccines are available will be updated regularly at <https://hawaicovid19.com/vaccine/>.

DOH estimates there are 119,473 children age 5-11 living in Hawaii. The state's initial order of vaccine for children is enough to provide 35% of the estimated population with the first of two recommended vaccinations. The second vaccination should be administered three weeks after the first vaccination or shortly thereafter.