

AMA Resident & Fellow Section (AMA-RFS) Communication

The AMA-RFS, **as the largest national organization of resident and fellow physicians with over 20,000 members**, gives Resident and Fellow Physicians a voice in the fight to reform America's health system, improve medical education, and help physicians succeed personally and professionally. Stay informed of upcoming events, opportunities to get involved, and RFS advocacy initiatives. Also, please visit the AMA-RFS website at www.ama-assn.org/go/rfs for new resources on a variety of personal and professional issues.

RFS Involvement

Join us in Hawaii at the RFS Interim Assembly Meeting

Registration is now available online for the AMA-RFS Interim Assembly Meeting November 8-10 in Honolulu, Hawaii. You will have an opportunity to network with resident and fellow physician colleagues, help shape AMA policy, and attend educational sessions on several topics of interest. Visit <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/13045.html> for more information on the meeting and to register online. Pre-registration deadline is **October 1**.

Become a leader in the AMA-RFS

The AMA-RFS is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) - Represent the academic, practice, and licensing communities. - **Deadline: September 10**
- Governing Council Chair-Elect - Prepare to lead the AMA-RFS - **Deadline: September 27**
- Sectional Delegates and Alternate Delegates - Represent resident and fellow physicians in the AMA House of Delegates - **Deadline: September 27**
- Council on Medical Education (CME) - Help develop educational policy of the AMA - **Deadline: September 27**

Visit <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/189.html> for more information and applications for these positions.

Research/Education

Call for Abstracts for 4th Annual Poster Symposium

The AMA-RFS will be holding its 4th Annual Research Poster Symposium in November at its Interim Meeting in **Honolulu, Hawaii**. Abstracts may be submitted in four categories: Basic Science Research, Clinical Medical Research, Public Health/Health Policy/Medical Education, and Clinical Vignettes. The deadline for abstract submissions is September 5. Visit <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/12769.html> for submission information.

Seeking Public office? AMPAC Political Education programs can help

AMPAC has 2008 Political Education Programs available. The Candidate Workshop will be held February 29-March 2, and the Campaign School will be held April 9-13. These programs, held for over 20 years, provide unmatched political training for physicians and other friends of medicine who are interested in either seeking public office themselves or in working to elect other friends of medicine. Both programs will be held at the Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City in Arlington, VA. Visit <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/6275.html> for more information.

RFS Policy

Help develop policy of the AMA-RFS

One of the most unique and powerful privileges of membership in the AMA-RFS is participating in the policymaking process. Policies established at the Annual and Interim Assembly Meetings influence AMA and Section strategic direction, product development, and advocacy efforts. Visit <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/188.html> to learn more about writing a resolution. Submit your resolution to rfs@ama-assn.org. The deadline for submission is **September 26**.

RFS Resources

AMA-RFS provides resources for finding residencies

Finding a residency can be a challenging process. The AMA-RFS website has resources available to help you with your search. Visit <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/7138.html> to view postings of open positions, information on ACGME accredited programs across the country, and financial aid sources.

Learn about foreign residency rotations and opportunities abroad

Residents and fellows seeking information about opportunities for expanding their medical experience, including residency rotations overseas, should check out the AMA Resident and Fellow Section site at <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/12557.html>. It includes Web resources for international residency rotations and medical opportunities, resources to help residents and medical students create their own international health elective, and a list of academic centers with international medical electives.

RFS Specific News

Are today's doctors less satisfied with their careers than doctors in the past?

In 1976, the AAMC assessed the satisfaction of physicians who had graduated in 1960 from 28 US medical schools. Over 95 percent agreed that their jobs were interesting, and only 4 percent expressed disappointment with their careers in medicine. When surveyed 30 years later, 83 percent of physicians over 50 years old, but only 75 percent of physicians under 50, were satisfied with medicine as a career. Visit <http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/Content/cohort10threp> to read the British Medical Association report.

Is medicine a business that's lost the human factor?

Readers respond to a JAMA essay concerning lack of patient-centered, respectful care by attendings, residents, and students. A doctor made observations observed from the perspective of a caring family member. Visit <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/17779.html> to link to the JAMA essay and see reader comments

*The AMA Resident and Fellow Section offers this listserv for sharing information on a variety of topics including policy, advocacy, achievements, projects, council and committee positions, etc. **You can join our listserv at <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/7091.html> so you can be informed of AMA-RFS activities.** To unsubscribe from the AMA-RFS listserv, send an email to rfs@ama-assn.org with "Unsubscribe" as the subject. Also visit the AMA-RFS website at www.ama-assn.org/go/rfs for current information and resources relevant to resident and fellow physicians.*

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