



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

Take advantage of RFS Leadership Opportunities

- **Women Physician Congress** - promotes advocacy and understanding of women's health issues. Resident and fellow members are eligible to apply for this slotted seat on the WPC Governing Council for a resident or fellow physician. The applicants nominated by the RFS Section will be placed on the ballot for election by current WPC members. The elected representative will serve a two-year term. The deadline for applications is Feb. 15.
- **Minority Affairs Consortium** - promotes education and advocacy on minority health issues and works to increase diversity in AMA membership and leadership. All resident and fellow members are eligible to apply for this slotted seat on the MAC Governing Council for a resident or fellow physician. The appointed representative will serve a two-year term. The deadline for applications is Feb. 15.
- **IMG Governing Council** - The Resident representative serves as a voting member of the IMG Section Governing Council. The IMG Section represents and advocates for IMGs within the AMA. All resident and fellow members are eligible to apply for this slotted seat on the IMG Governing Council for a resident or fellow physician. The term of this position is 2 years. The deadline for applications is Feb. 26.
- **AMA Council on Long Range Planning and Development** - sets the course of the AMA as an organization. It makes recommendations on issues such as membership and finance, and it evaluates other AMA planning activities. This is a three-year position chosen by the Speaker of the House. Deadline for applications is Feb. 18.
- **AMA Council on Legislation** - is composed of 10 physicians, one resident physician, one medical student, and one member each from AMPAC and the AMA Alliance. The Council addresses federal legislation and AMA policies that deal with legislative issues and meets six times per year. This is a one-year position chosen by the Board of Trustees. Deadline for applications is Feb. 18.

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

Research and Education Opportunities

Register for AMA Medical Communications Conference

We are pleased to announce plans for the 28th Annual AMA Medical Communications Conference and an opportunity for AMA members to take advantage of significant savings in the cost for registration.

The AMA Medical Communications Conference will be held April 16-18 at the Paradise Point Resort and Spa in San Diego. Physicians interested in improving their message delivery will find this conference particularly helpful. Get hands-on communications training and hear from top-level medical communicators, government leaders and national journalists. Also in attendance are medical reporters and health care journalists, plus physicians and others hoping to break into these fields. AMA-RFS members will receive a discount on registration.

Visit <http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?5S,M3,5f3644fd-07fa-4be4-ae5a-e15054dde6bf> to learn more and <http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?4W,M3,5f3644fd-07fa-4be4-ae5a-e15054dde6bf> to register for the event.

Residents: Apply for RWJF Clinical Scholars program

Resident physicians are invited to apply for the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars program, which offers a 2-year master's degree graduate-level study and research in a university-based post residency program. Highlights

include:

- Leadership training
- Mentoring
- Protected research time
- National networking
- Health services and community-based research training

Four participating institutions will be recruiting scholars to begin their programs in July 2008: the University of California, Los Angeles; the University of Michigan; the University of Pennsylvania; and Yale University. The deadline for all applications (and reference letters) is February 29, 2008.

<http://rwjcsp.unc.edu/>

RFS Specific News

Teaching Residents to Teach

Resident physicians often have primary responsibility for teaching medical students but many receive no formal instruction on effective teaching. A study in Medical Education Online showed that a successful teaching curriculum can increase resident interest and effectiveness in teaching. Visit <http://www.med-ed-online.org/pdf/Res00247.pdf> (PDF, 271KB, requires Adobe Reader) to read the study.

Doctors actions don't always agree with ideals

A study in the Annals of Internal Medicine found that of more 1600 practicing physicians surveyed, 45 percent said "they did not always report an incompetent or impaired colleague to the appropriate authorities", even though 96 percent felt that these people should be reported. AMA Board of Trustees Chair, Edward L. Langston, MD, says that the report shows "that physicians clearly want to adhere to the

highest ethical standards" and that more needs to be done to "remove barriers that may prevent physicians from following through on their good intentions." Visit <http://www.ama-assn.org/amednews/2007/12/24/prsc1224.htm> to read the AMNews article.

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.

Important: Please be advised that this listserv is intended solely to communicate and discuss important issues relevant to the practice of medicine and our membership. It is not to be used for commercial purposes or to promote a commercial product.