

Section on Medical Schools 2011-2014 Strategic Plan

The American Medical Association (AMA) Section on Medical Schools provides all LCME- and AOA-accredited medical schools and their faculty a voice in AMA House of Delegates deliberations and offers a forum for discussing and developing policies on medical education and national research and health care issues.

Continue to influence AMA policy and directives.

- submit resolutions to the House of Delegates (HOD) addressing issues important to the academic medical community; solicit input from the faculty and deans of academic institutions
- review and discuss reports and resolutions being considered by the HOD
- provide testimony to the various HOD Reference Committees
- ensure that the importance of the Section's policy setting role within the HOD is communicated to the academic medical community

Collaborate with the Council on Medical Education in the monitoring of current issues, such as the ones listed below, that are impacting medical education and assist in the implementation of appropriate advocacy plans.

- medical school admissions
- professionalism and ethics
- diversity
- medical student debt
- medical student and resident physician mistreatment
- financing of medical education
- impact of duty hours changes on the educational environment
- medical education reform
- faculty recruitment and the development of academic careers and retention
- physician workforce
- physician re-entry and retraining

Assist the AMA Center for Transforming Medical Education.

- provide expertise
- disseminate program information

Partner with the AMA Washington Office as well as other Councils, Sections and Special Groups within the AMA House of Delegates on issues such as:

- AMA's strategic direction
- legislative relief for issues impacting medical education and training
- mentoring medical students and resident physicians
- reimbursement of clinical care in the academic setting
- volunteer experiences for senior physicians
- health disparities and inequalities
- clinical research

Increase collaboration with the Medical Student and Resident and Fellow Sections to provide a more unified voice representing medical education and academic medicine within the AMA.

- plan joint programs, develop resolutions and positions to influence AMA policy
- participate in the joint Medical Education Caucus to interview candidates for the Board of Trustees, Board Officers, and Council on Medical Education to ascertain their views on medical education issues that affect medical students, resident physicians and academic physicians

Develop a formal outreach program to solicit input from academic physicians and encourage academic physicians to participate in Section activities.

- communicate the Section's policy setting role within the AMA House of Delegates
- contact Section representatives who do not participate in Section activities

Assist the AMA Foundation in its mission to advance health care through support of programs in medical education, research, and services.

- support Foundation activities
- respond to requests for Section input into the Foundation's selection of awardees
- disseminate scholarship and program information

Continue to work with the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) to pursue common initiatives.

- schedule yearly meetings with the Council of Deans Administrative Board
- hold educational programs pertinent to medical school faculty
- participate in the New Horizons in Medical Education Forum, co-sponsored by the AMA and AAMC, to continue the conversation from the September 2010 conference

Explore, with AMA Membership staff, ways to increase membership, especially for academic physicians.

- pilot the new AMA academic leadership group membership program at the medical schools of the Governing Council members
- communicate to the medical education community all the pertinent resources and tools the AMA has to assist educators, researchers and clinicians
- assist in the Succeeding in Medical School program to attract more student members

Provide assistance to the AMA Vice President in scheduling medical school visits.

- coordinate and/or participate in medical school visits when appropriate

Partner with other organizations, as appropriate, to further the Section's goals.