AMA Inspiration Award nominations now open

The AMA Women Physicians Section (WPS) Inspiration Award acknowledges and honors physicians who have offered their time, wisdom and support throughout their professional career. These individuals may have steered others into a specialty they love, helped them find work/life balance, guided them through a professional society or served as an important role model. This year’s honorees will be recognized during Women in Medicine month in September.

Submit a nomination form by July 31, 2022.

Women Physicians Section (WPS)

The Women Physicians Section (WPS) seeks to influence and contribute to AMA policy and program development on issues of importance to women physicians, and to increase the number and influence of women physicians in leadership roles.

WPS pursues these goals by:

- Providing a forum for networking, mentoring, advocacy and leadership development for women physicians and medical students.
- Monitoring trends while identifying and addressing emerging professional issues affecting women in medicine.
- Enhancing AMA cooperation and collaboration with organizations with mutual concerns.
- Contributing to AMA advocacy on women’s health and women in medicine policy issues.
- Contributing to AMA efforts to increase the membership, participation and leadership of women in the AMA.

Membership in WPS
All women AMA members are automatically members of the WPS. Other AMA members who are interested in women’s issues may join WPS by completing a brief membership application.

Webinar recordings

Fostering Well-being through Connection and Communication (March 2022)

Presenters Charlene M. Dewey, MD, MEd, MACP, and Kemia M. Sarraf, MD, MPH, along with moderator Nicole Plenty, MD, MPH, MS, explore ways to encourage physician well-being, improve empathy and mitigate trauma through connection and communication.

- View the recording.
- Read "In stressful times for women doctors, self-care can go a long way."

Advancing Gender Equity through Medical Education, Leadership Development and Medical Practice (Sept. 2021)

Margot Savoy, MD, MPH, FAAP, senior vice president of education, American Academy of Family Physicians, was the keynote presenter for the 2021 Women in Medicine Month webinar. Dr. Savoy explored ways that medical education, leadership development and medical practice can help promote gender equity in medicine.

- View the recording.
- Read “4 ways women physicians can better control career trajectory.”

The Intersection of Voting and Health (March 2021)

Presenter the Honorable Donna M. Christensen, MD, and moderator Megan Srinivas, MD, MPH, explore the connection between voting and health—and its influence on population health, socioeconomic influences and health policy.

- View the recording.
- Watch “Donna Christensen, MD, on the intersection of voting and health.”

Women Physicians Leading During Crisis (Sept. 2020)

Renée Crichlow, MD, shares insights on the convergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, systemic discrimination and gender inequity and the ramifications for women in medicine.
Unique Challenges Facing Women Physicians During COVID-19 (Sept. 2020)

This webinar, co-sponsored by the WPS, the Organized Medical Staff Section and the American Medical Women’s Association, addresses the various professional challenges that women physicians have dealt with since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- View the recording.
- Read “Ways to tackle challenges facing women physicians in pandemic.”

Advocacy, policy and education

Supporting women in medicine

Visit the AMA Ed Hub to earn CME credits while increasing your awareness of the challenges currently faced by women physicians and health professionals, as well as how the medical profession can better support women’s success and well-being.

Advancing gender equity in medicine

The AMA recognizes that gender inequity in medicine is a complex issue that requires a multilayered approach. Learn more about the AMA’s work to advance gender equity in medicine.