May 26, 2021 update

APS Chair Gary M. Gaddis, MD

Due to the pandemic, our meetings at the times that precede the Interim and Annual meetings of the AMA House of Delegates have been constrained. Thus, we have limited our educational sessions markedly, compared to pre-pandemic times when we met in-person.

APS June 6 educational session

For its June 6 business meeting, the APS will feature an educational session, “African, Black, and Caribbean voices: Patient narratives as a means to counter racism and unconscious bias in medicine.”

APS webinars

The lack of in-person meetings has led to a backlog of educational content of interest to many Academic Physicians Section (APS) members. To remedy this situation, the APS has developed a series of monthly webinars (held the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Central) to deliver this content.

The webinars have become a successful and engaging offering to members outside of the educational and networking opportunities at our June and November meetings.

Dates for future webinars will be posted once available. Past webinar sessions include:

Scope of practice issues that will impact current trainees' practice environment

May 10, 2021
Presentation featured Kimberly Horvath, JD, senior legislative attorney at the AMA; Evie G. Marcolini, MD, FACEP, associate professor, emergency medicine and neurocritical care at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center—Dartmouth College of Medicine; Julie Vieth, MBChB, FAAEM, FACEP, chair of the Emergency Department at Canton-Potsdam Hospital, Potsdam, New York; Jennifer Bryan, MD, chair of the Mississippi State Medical Association Board of Trustees; Dory Askins, a newly graduated medical student at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine—Greenville and vice chair of the Medical Student Section Governing Council for 2020-2021; and Anna Yap, MD, an emergency medicine resident at the UCLA Ronald Reagan—Olive View program, and past member-at-large of the Resident and Fellow Section Governing Council.

**Integrating health equity into Graduate Medical Education**

April 12, 2021

Presentation featured William A. McDade, MD, PhD, chief diversity and inclusion officer of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; Karthik Sivashanker, MD, vice president of Equitable Health Systems and Innovation at the AMA Center for Health Equity; and Valencia Walker, MD, associate division chief for health equity and inclusion at the Department of Pediatrics I Division of Neonatology at The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Dr. McDade’s message was shared in an AMA article, “What residency programs can do to boost health equity.”

Dr. Sivashanker was interviewed on National Public Radio regarding health care equity for Latinx patients and employees at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, where he works to build equity into the institution’s health outcomes.

**Medicine for life: Obesity education for future physicians**

Feb. 8, 2021

Presentation by Fatima Cody Stanford, MD, MPH, MPA, of Harvard Medical School.

**APS orientation video**

At previous in-person meetings, APS has introduced new members to the work of the APS with an orientation video. This year, APS released a new video featuring current governing council members and Kenneth B. Simons, MD, former governing council member.