YPS members and news highlights

The YPS is the voice of young physicians concerned about issues affecting their practice and their patients. Members work to influence policy and advocacy, and address various issues including health equity, work/life balance, income/reimbursement and administrative burdens.

A note from the YPS chair

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From YPS Chair Laura Faye Gephart, MD, MBA

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We as physicians grapple with a changing landscape and continued war in Ukraine.

War & role of physicians

The role physicians play in war and the effect of war on medicine have examples that highlight the best and the worst of humanity. Multiple summaries exist, including one focused on the contribution of women physicians in the U.S.A. during World War I, especially appropriate as we celebrate Women’s History Month.
While Ukraine may bring this to the forefront in the national media, it is important to know that armed conflicts and wars have riddled this century, with wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, civil wars in Yemen and Syria, the second Congo War, genocide in Darfur and the war against Boko Haram.

Making the world a better place

Many of us chose medicine because we heard the call to make the world a better place and help humanity. Armed conflict only makes that call more urgent and organized medicine has a role to play. The World Medical Association is organizing routes to send medical supplies to Ukraine. Doctors without Borders, the American Hospital Association, and even the American Veterinary Medical Association have organized efforts to help. Our AMA highlights options to help via USAID and the UN Refugee Agency in a recent advocacy update.

As a new generation of newly (hopefully) matched physicians prepares for the next three or more years in post graduate training, we hope that our advanced training as leaders of the medical team helps heal humanity and follow our mission as the AMA: to promote the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health.

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