

## YPS members and news highlights

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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

**November 2021**

**From YPS Chair Laura Faye Gephart, MD, MBA**



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Your AMA YPS was hard at work in the last month preparing for the YPS assembly meeting and AMA HOD special meeting, deciding and testifying on priority items for early career physicians, and endorsing candidates for AMA leadership.

### November Assembly

L. Carlos Zapata, MD, our YPS speaker, led the YPS assembly through review of the AMA HOD handbook. Positions taken in the assembly were acted upon by multiple members of the YPS

representing the breadth of specialties and states in the AMA HOD, under the expert guidance of our YPS Delegate Kavita Shah Arora, MD, MBE, MS, and Alternate Delegate Alisha Reiss, MD.

Find the YPS Digest of Actions, the annotated YPS Reference Committee Report, and additional meeting documents on the YPS meeting agenda & resources page.

## **Educational sessions**

During the YPS assembly, the YPS partnered with the Minority Affairs Section, International Medical Graduate Section, Medical Student Section, Women Physician Section and Academic Physician Section to present an educational session titled Structural Inequities in Medicine: Impacts on the Person and Profession.

Building on the foundation of HOD policy and holding medical culture accountable, panelists discussed how structural inequities impacted their training and medical careers. The AMA's Center for Health Equity also identified resources available to the young physician leader to help address the drivers of health inequity.

Some of the November education sessions provided CME credit. Visit the November 2021 education sessions page for CME information. Deadline to claim CME credit is Dec. 31, 2021.

## **Candidate endorsements**

During the YPS Assembly, the YPS voted to endorse the candidacies of Jesse Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH, for AMA president-elect and Toluwalase Ajayi, MD, for the young physician seat on the AMA Board of Trustees.

## **Native American Heritage Month**

November is more than just Bladder Health Month, Stomach and Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, Healthy Skin Month and Hospice and Palliative Care Month. It's also Native American Heritage Month. Less than 1% of the physician workforce is American Indian or Alaska Native. This disparity is an active area of focus for both the AMA and the Association of American Indian Physicians. Learn more about pipeline programs, applications and deadlines.

## **Contact us**



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