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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February presents an annual opportunity to celebrate the achievements of African Americans during Black History Month, then March celebrates the achievements of women.

For a quick read, check out AAMC summaries on 10 African American medical pioneers, the first of which is Rebecca Lee Crumpler, MD, the first black woman in the United States to receive an MD degree.

Diversity in medicine
Young physicians, students and trainees are exponentially more diverse than in prior decades, yet people of color and especially Black men remain grossly underrepresented in medicine—less than three percent of physicians. In the past, organized medicine was part of the problem. Finally, in 2008, Ronald Davis, MD, then the AMA immediate past president, apologized at the National Medical Association’s annual meeting for the AMA’s role excluding African Americans from the AMA and some state and local medical societies.

AMA health equity plan

With the support of young physicians individually and as a section, our AMA created the Organizational Strategic Plan to Embed Racial Justice and Advance Health Equity (PDF). For help identifying and rectifying institutional racism in our practices, the AMA created an entire toolkit, or just read a quick summary.

Advocate for patients & medical practice

Thankful to work with you all as we as physicians and people work to make the world a better place. While the National Advocacy Conference may have been canceled, take some time this month to advocate for your patients and your practice. Find out how to contact your legislators and let them know about some of our advocacy priorities.

Contact us

Have information about YPS members doing great work? Email us at yps@ama-assn.org.

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