

AMA Medical Student Advocacy Conference (MAC)

The AMA Medical Student Advocacy Conference (MAC) is a yearly event for medical student AMA members. The 2023 conference will take place March 2-3, 2023. The host hotel location will be posted when available.

Register for the Medical Student Advocacy Conference

Registration is just \$45 and includes:

- Advocacy training and action kit to learn how to be a successful public health advocate
- Meetings with legislators and staffers on Capitol Hill
- Networking social reception
- Free headshot in your white coat
- AMA swag bag
- Discounted room rate with a hotel block

Contact us with any questions at AMAMAC@ama-assn.org.

Not a member? Join the AMA and advocate for med students and the profession.

Request an excuse letter

If your school requests an excuse letter to approve your attendance, email the following information to the Medical Student Section at MSS@ama-assn.org:

- Name
- Email
- Medical school
- Name of dean

MSS staff will send you a completed letter to submit to your dean.

2022 conference videos and resources

Access training videos and resources from the 2022 AMA Medical Student Advocacy Conference to learn how to serve as a public health advocate. Resources include training videos led by experts and an action kit with tips and best practices.

Training sessions

Learn effective lobbying techniques from experts and observe a mock Capitol Hill meeting

Receive tips and best practices for meetings with legislators and staffers on Capitol Hill. Observe a mock meeting for a real-time experience.

Panel speakers

- **Mary S. Carpenter, MD**, chair, AMA Council on Legislation
- **David M. Lusk**, founder, Key Advocacy: Unlocking the power of advocacy

Moderator

- **Brittany Ikwuagwu**, Government Relations Advocacy Fellow, AMA

Receive education on 3 key health policy issues

Learn about the health policy issues—reducing prior authorization burdens, telehealth, Medicare physician payment reform—and why they matter to patients and medical students, and how to advocate for these issues on Capitol Hill.

Panel speakers

- **Bryan Hull, JD, MPH**, Division of Legislative Counsel, AMA
- **Jason Marino**, Congressional Affairs, AMA
- **Sandy Marks**, Federal Affairs, AMA

Moderator

- **Brittany Ikwuagwu**, Government Relations Advocacy Fellow, AMA

Action kit

To support virtual Capitol Hill meetings, the AMA created an action kit that contains key facts on Medicare physician payment reform, prior authorization, telehealth and key tips for engaging with lawmakers. Refer to helpful tips to set up meetings on your own and lead effective conversations.

- Advocacy 101 tips and action plan (PDF)
- Issue brief: Medicare physician payment reform (PDF)
- Issue brief: Reducing prior authorization burdens (PDF)
- Issue brief: Telehealth (PDF)
- Tips for virtual Hill visits (PDF)

The AMA issue briefs summarize the action requests from early March. For the most up-to-date information on the key health policy issues, sign up for the AMA Advocacy Update (log-in required).

Advocate on priority Medical Student Section policy issues

Use these tips and techniques to continue advocating on important issues for medical students and patients. Priority policy issues from the Medical Student Section (MSS) include:

- Improving undergraduate and graduate medical education
- Advocating for “equity policies,” including racism as a public health threat, policing reform, cultural leave for American Indian trainees
- Addressing burnout, depression and suicide among medical students and residents
- Addressing social media usage and negative impacts on mental health
- Health care needs of LGBTQ
- Fairness in the National Residency Matching program