RFS Meeting Highlights

The Resident and Fellow Section (RFS) annual meeting was held June 8-10, 2017 in Chicago.

Educational Sessions

Attendees had the option to listen to speakers at various educational sessions including:

**June 9 session: Achieving Health Equality: Looking Back and Moving Forward With Health Care Reform in America**
Daniel Dawes, JD, executive director of government relations, health policy & external affairs at Morehouse School of Medicine discussed the history of health disparity legislation from 1854 to present day, providing an optimistic view of the progress made over time and what to expect moving forward.

**June 10 session: Shape Your Career: Alternative Careers in Public Policy and Government**
John Whyte, MD, MPH, director, Professional Affairs and Stakeholder Engagement, Food and Drug Administration, and Joseph Hutter, MD, MA, LCDR, U.S. Public Health Service, CMS Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, shared their unconventional career paths in public policy and government and provided advice on how physicians can achieve an alternative career in public policy while maintaining their clinical skills.

Policy and Resolutions

RFS successfully passed a number of policies, which included:

- Protection of Access and Coverage of Women’s Preventative and Maternity Care
- Improving FDA Expedited Approval Pathways
- Harmful Effects of Screen Time in Children
- Financial Protections for Doctors in Training

The meeting also included 2 evening networking receptions, 1 with young physicians and 1 with medical students. Members had the opportunity to find mentors within their fields, establish friends across the country and solidify the future of the AMA’s early career physicians and students.