

MEDICAL STUDENT ADVOCACY AND REGION CONFERENCE 2020

March 5–7 • Hilton Washington DC National Mall • 480 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, D.C. 20024

Thursday, March 5

3 p.m.	Conference registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive a name badge and folder containing meeting materials, including your Capitol Hill visit schedule. 	Ballroom foyer
4–4:45 p.m.	Opening and welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hari Iyer, American Medical Association Government Relations Advocacy Fellow (GRAF); Manna Varghese, at-large officer, AMA Medical Student Section (MSS); Miriam Rienstra Bareman, MPH, AMA Political Action Committee (AMPAC) student liaison; AMA social media presentation 	L'Enfant Ballroom
4:45–6:30 p.m.	Congressional addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sen. John Barrasso, MD (R-Wyo.) Rep. Brad Wenstrup, DPM (R-Ohio) Rep. Kim Schrier, MD (D-Wash.) 	L'Enfant Ballroom
6:30–6:45 p.m.	Break	
6:45–8 p.m.	Education on the issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Led by Dana Lichtenberg and Lindsey Brill, Congressional Affairs, AMA, and Hari Iyer, GRAF, AMA, this interactive session will help students understand health policy issues and asks students to support these issues on Capitol Hill, including why these issues matter to patients. 	L'Enfant Ballroom

Friday, March 6

8–9 a.m.	Effective lobbying techniques <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive expert training from Christopher Sherin, Congressional Affairs, AMA, on everything from the basics to best practices in advocacy for Capitol Hill visits with time for Q&A. Observe a mock visit that highlights lessons for advocacy on Capitol Hill. Guided by Hari Iyer, GRAF, AMA, and Marilyn Heine, MD, vice chair, AMA Council on Legislation, this interactive training session will offer insight into the challenges you may face on the Hill and strategies to optimize your advocacy and learning experience. 	L'Enfant Ballroom
9–9:40 a.m.	All-attendee medical student picture on Capitol Hill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Depart for the Hill and gather at the steps of the Capitol for a group picture in our white coats. Picture will be taken promptly at 10:40 a.m. Picture will be taken promptly at 10:40 a.m. 	Capitol Hill
10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.	Capitol Hill visits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive early to your scheduled meeting. Dining options are available in the Capitol, House and Senate buildings and in the L'Enfant Plaza. 	Capitol Hill
4–6 p.m.	Professional headshots	Ballroom level

Friday, March 6 (continued)

5–6 p.m.	“Power to Heal” documentary viewing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the struggle to secure equal and adequate access to health care for all Americans. 	L’Enfant Ballroom
6–8 p.m.	AMA Medical Student and Advocacy Region Conference reception <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Network with fellow medical students, recap the day and learn about leadership opportunities with the AMA. 	Solarium

Saturday, March 7

8–9 a.m.	Breakfast with COLA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Join the AMA Medical Student Section Committee on Legislation and Advocacy (COLA) to review the process that follows a bill’s passage into law and how this is significant to advancing policy. 	Solarium
9–10:10 a.m.	Region breakout meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss business, organize local community service efforts and highlight student members within the region who are moving medicine. 	Locations below
9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Professional headshots	Ballroom level
10:10–11 a.m.	Immigration and health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distinguished guests from Johns Hopkins Medicine will break down the complex intersection between immigration policy and health, leveraging real-world experience to illustrate the effects of policies, as well as the importance of advocacy for the compassionate treatment of immigrant populations. Speakers: Josh Sharfstein, MD, vice dean, public health practice and community engagement; and Sarah Polk, MD, ScM, assistant professor, and Kathleen Page, MD, associate professor, co-directors of Centrol SOL. 	L’Enfant Ballroom
11:05–11:55 a.m.	AI and medicine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pat Baird, MBA, MS, regulatory head, global software standards at Philips, will provide insight into the current state of affairs of augmented intelligence in medicine, highlighting challenges and opportunities, as well as what medical students should know based on his considerable experience. 	L’Enfant Ballroom
Noon–12:50 p.m.	Health policy and children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jenny Kenney, PhD, senior fellow and vice president, health policy at the Urban Institute, will address the oft-forgotten challenges children and families face throughout the country in pursuing good health and thriving, with a focus on advocacy as a means to highlight these crucial issues. 	L’Enfant Ballroom
12:50–1 p.m.	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hari Iyer, AMA Government Relations Advocacy Fellow 	L’Enfant Ballroom

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Region 3 | Room location: Solarium
Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas

Region 4 | Room location: Solarium
Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee

Region 5 | Room location: Ballroom A
Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia

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Delaware, District of Columbia, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia

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