

The Advisory Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Issues is a board-appointed group of physicians from around the country with experience, expertise, and interest in LGBTQ health and wellbeing. The Young Physician Section (YPS) Liaison is currently **Dr Jacques Ambrose MD MPH** (Child and Adolescent Psychiatry).

### Strategic Priorities

The Advisory Committee has undertaken a robust strategic planning process for 2020-2021. Included among its strategic priorities are strengthening alignment and integration of LGBTQ health initiatives across AMA sectors, awareness building and education on issues of intersectionality, enhancing virtual educational offerings (webinars, videoconferences, podcasts) on current LGBTQ health challenges and opportunities, and analyzing existing AMA policy on LGBTQ-related matters and developing an implementation/action plan. In addition, the Advisory Committee is focusing efforts on mentorship with medical students, collaboration and partnership with AMA sections and business units, and outside stakeholders to advance enterprise equity goals.

#### Prioritizing Intersectional Equity for Sexual and Ethnic Minorities

- Dr Ambrose has been collaborating with the AMA-Minority Affairs Section's past chair, Dr Wescott on issues that transect across minority communities
- Discussed priorities for potential education offerings
  - Topic 1: Racism and Homophobia within LGBTQ and BIPOC Communities
  - Topic 2: Intersectional Communities and COVID-19
- The group identified the goal of offering a webinar on Topic 1 (tentatively scheduled for January 21, 2021) and another on Topic 2 before the 2021 Annual Meeting.
- Staff is exploring whether the webinar content could be included as a CME educational offering via EdHub.
- Staff is working with the COVID-19 update team for participant analytics on updates that have focused on communities of color and the LGBTQ community.

### Strategic Partnerships

Collaborating with well-respected and influential partners is an important part of advancing the AMA's LGBTQ health priorities. The Advisory Committee continues to strengthen internal collaboration and existing external alliances while working to forge opportunities with new partners. The AC continued establishing external partnership activities with the following

organizations: Building the Next Generation of Physicians (BNGAP), Howard Brown Health, GLMA, Fenway Institute, Human Rights Campaign (HRC), OutCare Health.

Internally, the AC continued to work other AMA entities for LGBTQ advocacy work:

### AMA Center for Health Equity

- Staff are working closely to provide mutual support and engagement on the LGBTQ components of enterprise equity initiatives.
- Prioritizing Equity video series: LGBTQ Voices | June 2020

### AMA Health Solutions Group

- SOGI Data Collection
- Collaboration underway to act on Resolution 002-I-19, Endorsing Creation of LGBTQ IRB Training.

### AMA Science, Medicine and Public Health

- Providing guidance and support for CDC grant on promoting HIV, viral hepatitis, STIs and LTBI screening in hospitals, health systems, and other healthcare settings.
- Resolution 005-I-19 | Removing Sex Designation from the Public Portion of the Birth Certificate

### AMA Foundation

- Working with the AMA Foundation for the Excellence in LGBTQ Health Award
- National Fellowship for LGBTQ Health

### AMA MMX

- COVID-19 Updates | LGBTQ Recognition Series
- Challenges of being older and HIV positive amid the pandemic | September 2020
- How gender affirming surgeries have been impacted by the pandemic | June 2020
- How COVID-19 has amplified LGBTQ health care inequities | May 2020

## LGBTQ & Allies Caucus

From state legislatures to Congress to the White House, the 2020 election will determine the course of LGBTQ-related public policy for years to come. To increase awareness and educate physicians about what the road ahead, the Advisory Committee is hosting “Pride, Politics, and Policy: LGBTQ issues and the 2020 election”—an engaging and timely update from the AMA advocacy team—as part of the November 2020 Special Meeting.

Register [here](#).

### Advocacy and Policy

Although the pace of deliberation in state legislatures and Congress was slowed by COVID-19, there were a number of LGBTQ-related issues that advanced to the forefront, including nondiscrimination in health care and housing, curbs on diversity and inclusion training by federally-funded entities, access and accommodation for transgender persons, protecting LGBTQ individuals from conversion therapy, and government intrusion in the patient-family-physician relationship regarding care for gender diverse minors. The Advisory Committee continues to consult with and support the powerful efforts of the AMA state and federal advocacy teams to ensure sound policy, aimed at health equity, is achieved.

The Advisory Committee is working to analyze existing AMA policy on LGBTQ-related matters to identify additional opportunities to support education and resource development, awareness raising and communications, training and workforce initiatives, and advocacy.

### LGBTQ Health Curriculum

Several policies have been adopted by the AMA House of Delegates confirming the AMA's commitment to educate physicians and the public about LGBTQ issues in medicine. Led by the AMA EdHub team, a multisector effort to develop and deliver related education modules is underway with the launch of the first two modules in October. The modules were developed in collaboration with Howard Brown Health and cover the topics "Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Essentials" and "Creating Trans Affirming Spaces—Using Gender Appropriate Language". The modules offer free CME to all users. Storyboards for module three, focusing on LGBTQ health basics, is under review by Howard Brown Health and once complete, development of 3rd module will begin.

Access the modules [here](#).

### Stay Connected

Stay in the loop on the latest issues impacting LGBTQ patients and physicians by signing up for the Advisory Committee's LGBTQ newsletter. Create an account [here](#).

The Advisory Committee on LGBTQ Issues [webpage](#) highlights LGBTQ news and topics related to patients and physicians.

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