



Distinguish Yourself

IMG SUMMIT

Aug. 26–27 | Chicago

Agenda

All sessions and times are subject to change. All times are in Central.

Wednesday, Aug. 26

4 p.m.	Registration opens • Badge pick-up • Photo ID required	AMA Plaza First-floor lobby
5–7 p.m.	Welcome reception • Networking reception featuring hearty appetizers, beer and wine • Complimentary professional photo headshots	Skyline Café 47th floor

Thursday, Aug. 27

7:30 a.m.	Registration opens • Badge pick-up • Photo ID required	AMA Plaza First-floor lobby
8–9 a.m.	Networking breakfast • Complimentary professional photo headshots	Gateway A & B
9–9:15 a.m.	Opening keynote address • Bobby Mukkamala, MD, Immediate Past President, American Medical Association	Grand Canyon A & B
9:15–9:45 a.m.	Anatomy of a standout CV How to highlight your international experience, clinical skills and research achievements in a way that resonates with U.S. residency programs. • John S. Andrews, MD, Vice President, Medical Education & Professional Development, AMA	Grand Canyon A & B
9:45–10:15 a.m.	Road to research Opportunities and pathways for IMGs to get involved in U.S.-based research. Learn how contributing to the research community can strengthen your residency application and your role within the broader medical community. • Ricardo Correa, MD, EdD, AMA Research Challenge Advisor	Grand Canyon A & B

10:15–10:45 a.m.	Networking break • Light refreshments served	Grand Canyon Foyer
10:50–11:20 a.m.	Present like a leader Strategies for effective communication and interview preparation that set IMGs apart, with a focus on leadership skills that will help you advocate for the issues you're passionate about as a member of the AMA International Medical Graduates Section (IMGS). • Parag Mehta, MD, Chair-elect, AMA-IMGS Governing Council • Pramil Cheriya, MD, MS, Program Director, St. Mary's Hospital/Saint Clare Health	Grand Canyon A & B
11:20–11:50 a.m.	Navigating H-1B and J-1 In the 2025 academic year, over 3,000 IMG physicians from over 100 countries were offered visas to facilitate residency training in different specialties. Different visas have different requirements—learn which ones might be best for your situation. • Kristen Harris, JD, Principal, Harris Immigration Law	Grand Canyon A & B
11:50 a.m.–12:20 p.m.	Mastering the Match Navigating the U.S. residency match process as an IMG, with a special focus on how to distinguish yourself and leverage AMA resources like FREIDA™ to simplify your residency search. • Saby Karuppiah, MD, MPH, Designated Institutional Official (DIO), Mercy	Grand Canyon A & B
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Mentorship luncheon • Boxed lunches available • Complimentary professional photo headshots	Grand Canyon A & B
1:30–2:50 p.m.	Breakout sessions	
	AI as a tool: Practical applications for the residency journey This session will provide a hands-on look at how IMGs can integrate AI into their residency preparation. From optimizing CV language and personal statements to simulating interview scenarios and organizing research, attendees will explore high-impact, practical applications of AI. • Ankita Bhatia, MS, Director, AI and Engineering, AMA	Rockies
	From Match to money: Financial literacy for IMGs This session equips IMGs with the foundational financial knowledge needed to navigate their transition into U.S. residency and early practice. From understanding compensation structures to managing debt, taxes and savings, attendees will gain practical guidance to make informed financial decisions early in their careers. • Michael Jerkins, MD, President and Co-founder, Panacea Financial	Grand Canyon A & B
	AMA Advocacy Roundtable An interactive roundtable bringing together AMA-IMGS leaders and AMA advocacy representatives to discuss the key policy and advocacy issues impacting IMGs today. This session will provide attendees with a clear understanding of how AMA policy is created and how IMGs can actively participate in shaping the future of medicine in the U.S. • Alexis Pierce, JD, Senior Director, Division of Legislative Council, AMA • Deepu Sudhakaran, MD, MBA, Chair, AMA-IMGS Governing Council • Natalia Solenkova, MD, PhD, MLS, Former Chair, AMA-IMGS Governing Council	Everglades
3–3:30 p.m.	Closing remarks • Graham McMahon, MD, President and CEO, Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME®)	Grand Canyon A & B

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