

2024 Annual Meeting of the AMA LGBTQ Advisory Committee

June 7, 2024

Hyatt Regency Chicago

Friday, June 7

3:30pm –5pm

“INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND GENDER DIVERSITY: AN INTERSECTIONAL APPROACH TO HEALTH EQUITY”

ROOM TBA

Education Program Co-sponsors: MAS, MSS, LGBTQ Advisory Committee

Speakers:

Dr. James Makokis is a Nehiyô (Neh-hee-yo) Two-Spirit physician from Canada’s Onihcikiskapowinihk (Saddle Lake Cree Nation) in Treaty Number Six Territory. He practices family medicine in Kinokamasihk (Kih-no-kum-a-sick) Cree Nation in northeastern Alberta and has a transgender health-focused practice in South Edmonton. He is also an associate clinical professor of family medicine at the University of Alberta. Anthony Johnson (Diné) is a Two-Spirit, LGBTQ2S+, and Indigenous advocate, born in the Navajo Nation of North Phoenix, Arizona. Anthony is also an artist, poet, photographer, cultural documentarian, community leader and strategic analyst, who also serves as a project consultant and coordinator at Kehewin Health Services in Northeast Edmonton, where his partner, Dr. Makokis, runs a community-based medical practice. Together, they shattered conventional norms as the first-ever Two-Spirit team on the Amazing Race Canada. Their inspiring journey brought critical issues of gender, sexuality, and First Nations experiences to the national spotlight.

Objectives:

- Summarize terminology (including Two Spirit, Indigi/Queer, etc.) used within Indigenous populations, the role of identity saliency and dimensions of identity affirmation, the historic and ongoing health disparities Indigenous peoples face, and the fundamentals of how healthcare delivery to Indigenous individuals is structured in the United States.
- Discuss the unique social determinants of health, healthcare access barriers, and specific cultural considerations faced by individuals identifying as both Indigenous and transgender or gender diverse.
- Outline a culturally humble and intersectional framework for the creation of safe spaces and

	unbiased healthcare delivery for Indigenous gender diverse individuals.	
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	JOINT RECEPTION Hosts: Minority Affairs Section, Medical Student Section, LGBTQ Advisory Committee, Center for Health Equity's Medical Justice & Advocacy Fellowship Program	Room TBA

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