

REPORT OF THE AMA YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION GOVERNING COUNCIL

AMA-YPS Report C-A-26

Subject: Specialty Society Representation

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1 This report presents the criteria for specialty society representation in the AMA Young Physicians Section
2 (YPS) Assembly, gives an update on the level of specialty society representation, and discusses
3 strategies to gain new society representation.
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5 AMA Bylaws that became effective January 1, 2008, state that the apportionment for each state and
6 specialty society, or federal service, will be two representatives (and no alternate representatives) for
7 each 1,000 members of the Young Physicians Section who are members of the society or federal service
8 as recorded by the AMA on December 31 of each year. Societies eligible for more than two
9 representatives will be required to submit evidence to the Section that documents the number of their
10 young physician AMA members.

11 **CRITERIA FOR REPRESENTATION**

12 Excerpted from the AMA bylaws:

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14 Section 7.5.3.1 Constituent Associations, National Medical Specialty Societies, and Federal Services.
15 Each constituent association and Federal Service shall be entitled to representation based on the number
16 of seats allocated to it by apportionment. Each national medical specialty society granted representation
17 in the House of Delegates shall be entitled to representation based on the number of seats allocated to it
18 by apportionment. In addition, unified constituent associations and specialty societies that are entitled to
19 additional representation pursuant to Bylaw 2.1.1.2 or Bylaw 2.2.1 shall be entitled to 2 additional
20 representatives.
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24 Section 7.5.3.1.1 Apportionment. The apportionment for each constituent association, Federal Service,
25 and national medical specialty society is 2 representatives for each 1,000, or fraction thereof, members of
26 the Young Physicians Section who are members of the constituent association, Federal Service, or
27 specialty society, as recorded by the AMA as of December 31 of each year. Each constituent association,
28 Federal Service, and specialty society shall automatically be entitled to 2 representatives, who may be
29 selected in any manner. Those constituent associations, Federal Services, or specialty societies who are
30 eligible for more than 2 representatives, shall select the additional representatives according to rules and
31 criteria developed by the Governing Council to ensure that they are selected in a fair and equitable
32 manner allowing open representation.
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34 The current criteria for specialty society representation, as presented in the Internal Operating
35 Procedures of the AMA-YPS, states that a national medical specialty organization must:

- 36 • have voting representation in the House of Delegates (HOD); and
- 37 • have established a mechanism that allows for the regular input of young physician views into the
38 issues before the specialty society.
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1 The delegate selected to represent a national medical specialty society in the AMA-YPS:

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- 3 • must be a young physician as defined by AMA Bylaw 7.5.1;
- 4 • must be a member of the AMA in good standing;
- 5 • should be chosen in a fair and equitable manner allowing open representation; and
- 6 • must represent the interests of their particular specialty society young physician constituency.
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8 To apply for voting status in the AMA-YPS Assembly, national medical specialty societies shall submit
9 their requests, along with information to indicate compliance with the criteria listed above, to the AMA-
10 YPS Governing Council.

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12 Each Federal Service (U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Navy, and
13 the U.S. Public Health Service) shall be entitled to two voting representatives.

14 **SOCIETIES CURRENTLY REPRESENTED IN THE AMA-YPS ASSEMBLY**

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17 The following specialty societies met the criteria for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly and sent
18 representatives in the past year:

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- 20 • American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- 21 • American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery
- 22 • American Academy of Dermatology
- 23 • American Academy of Emergency Medicine
- 24 • American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- 25 • American Academy of Family Physicians
- 26 • American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
- 27 • American Academy of Neurology
- 28 • American Academy of Ophthalmology
- 29 • American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
- 30 • American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
- 31 • American Academy of Pediatrics
- 32 • American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- 33 • American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law
- 34 • American Academy of Sleep Medicine
- 35 • American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
- 36 • American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists
- 37 • American Association of Neurological Surgeons
- 38 • American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine
- 39 • American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
- 40 • American College of Chest Physicians
- 41 • American College of Emergency Physicians
- 42 • American College of Lifestyle Medicine
- 43 • American College of Nuclear Medicine
- 44 • American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- 45 • American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
- 46 • American College of Physicians
- 47 • American College of Preventive Medicine
- 48 • American College of Radiology
- 49 • American College of Rheumatology
- 50 • American College of Surgeons
- 51 • American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society
- 52 • American Psychiatric Association
- 53 • American Society for Clinical Pathology
- 54 • American Society for Dermatologic Surgery
- 55 • American Society for Radiation Oncology
- 56 • American Society for Reproductive Medicine

- 1 • American Society of Anesthesiologists
- 2 • American Society of Hematology
- 3 • American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians
- 4 • American Society of Neuroradiology
- 5 • American Society of Regional Anesthesia Pain Medicine
- 6 • American Thoracic Society
- 7 • American Urological Association
- 8 • College of American Pathologists
- 9 • Congress of Neurological Surgeons
- 10 • Endocrine Society
- 11 • GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality
- 12 • Radiological Society of North America
- 13 • Society for Vascular Surgery
- 14 • Society of Critical Care Medicine
- 15 • Society of Interventional Radiology
- 16 • United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology

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18 See Appendix A for a current list of national medical specialty societies currently represented in the AMA
19 HOD along with the five service branches (U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, U.S. Department of
20 Veterans Affairs, and U.S. Public Health Service), professional interest medical associations, and other
21 national medical associations.

22 23 **CONCLUSION**

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25 Your Governing Council will continue to identify opportunities for fostering specialty society representation
26 in AMA-YPS Assembly. The AMA-YPS Governing Council will reach out to societies not currently
27 represented in the AMA-YPS as well as recently added member organizations of the AMA HOD.

28 29 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

30 The YPS Governing Council recommends that the following statements be adopted and that the
31 remainder of the report be filed.

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33 1. The YPS Governing Council will continue to monitor progress toward filling available representative
34 slots and identify additional engagement opportunities as appropriate.
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36 2. The YPS Governing Council will continue to reach out to specialty societies that are eligible for
37 representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly that have not sent a representative or designated less than
38 the allotted number of representatives.
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40 3. The YPS Governing Council will continue to communicate with YPS representatives and members to
41 highlight the work accomplished during Section Assembly meetings and facilitate dialogue about
42 increasing representation in the AMA-YPS.

Fiscal Note: Less than \$500 to implement.

2025 National Medical Specialties Represented in the AMA House of Delegates

[Names in italicized blue font indicate medical specialties currently represented in the AMA-YPS]

National Medical Specialty Societies

Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research
Aerospace Medical Association
AMDA—The Society for Post-Acute and Long-term Care Medicine
American Academy of Addiction Medicine
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery
American Academy of Dermatology
American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Insurance Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Ophthalmology
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy Inc.
American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
American Academy of Pain Medicine
American Academy of Pediatrics
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
American Association for Hand Surgery
American Association for Thoracic Surgery
American Association of Clinical Endocrinology
American Association of Clinical Urologists, Inc.
American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Association of Plastic Surgeons
American Association of Public Health Physicians
American Clinical Neurophysiology Society
American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
American College of Cardiology
American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST)
American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Gastroenterology
American College of Legal Medicine
American College of Lifestyle Medicine
American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics
American College of Medical Quality
American College of Mohs Surgery
American College of Nuclear Medicine
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
American College of Physicians
American College of Preventive Medicine
American College of Radiation Oncology

American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American College of Surgeons
American Contact Dermatitis Society
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Hernia Society
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
American Orthopaedic Association
American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society
American Psychiatric Association
American Rhinologic Society
American Roentgen Ray Society
American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery
American Society for Clinical Pathology
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery
American Society for Reproductive Medicine
American Society for Surgery of the Hand
American Society of Addiction Medicine
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Breast Surgeons
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons
American Society of Cytopathology
American Society of Dermatopathology
American Society of Echocardiography
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians
American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons
American Society of Neuroimaging
American Society of Neuroradiology
American Society of Nuclear Cardiology
American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
American Society of Plastic Surgeons
American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine
American Society of Retina Specialists
American Society of Transplant Surgeons
American Thoracic Society
American Urological Association
American Vein and Lymphatic Society
AMSUS The Society of Federal Health Professionals
Association for Clinical Oncology
Association of University Radiologists
College of American Pathologists
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists
Endocrine Society
Heart Rhythm Society
Infectious Diseases Society of America
International College of Surgeons: U.S. Section
International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery
International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery
National Association of Medical Examiners
North American Neuromodulation Society

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North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society
North American Spine Society
Obesity Medicine Association
Outpatient Endovascular and Interventional Society
Radiological Society of North America
Renal Physicians Association
Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions
Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance (June 2023)
Society for Investigative Dermatology, Inc.
Society for Vascular Surgery
Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons
Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography
Society of Critical Care Medicine
Society of Hospital Medicine
Society of Interventional Radiology
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
Society of Thoracic Surgeons
The Endocrine Society
The Society of Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgeons
The Spine Intervention Society
The Triological Society
Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society

Federal Services

US Air Force
US Army
US Department of Veterans Affairs
US Navy
US Public Health Service

Other National Medical Associations

American Medical Women's Association
American Osteopathic Association
National Medical Association

Professional Interest Medical Associations

American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin
American Medical Group Association
GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality