



Subject: Endorsement Letter for Avani K. Patel, M.D., MHA

Psychiatry Section Council to the AMA  
January 17, 2024

Dear American Medical Association Women's Physician Section,

I am writing to express Psychiatry Section Council's wholehearted endorsement and support for Dr. Avani Patel in the upcoming election for the WPS-YPS position. We are very proud of Dr. Patel's dedication, skills, and contributions to organized medicine and mental health advocacy. I am confident that Dr. Patel is the ideal choice for the position.

Dr. Patel has shown true commitment as she has remained heavily involved since she was a medical student. Namely, she served on the AMA Ambassador Steering Committee two years in a row and has served on the Women in Medicine standing committee.

As a resident physician, she has functioned as the Vice Chair on the AMA-RFS Committee on Business and Economics and an elected RFS delegate to the AMA House of Delegates for the last 3 years. She was also the first resident physician to serve on the AMA Foundation Board of Directors and was asked to serve a second term.

Also on a national level, Dr. Patel has served on our American Psychiatric Association (APA) Board of Trustees as a non-voting member. She has also served as Chair of the APA Leadership Fellowship. She is also very involved on a state level in the psychiatry district branch and her state medical association. She truly encompasses the qualities needed to excel on your GC and move the priorities of your section forward. Her passion and proven track record make her a valuable asset, and I am confident that she will bring positive and meaningful contributions to the AMA WPS.

Please feel free to reach out if you require any additional information or if I can provide further insights into Dr. Patel's qualifications. She has our endorsement from the Psychiatry Section Council and look forward to seeing the positive impact she will undoubtedly make.



Thank you for considering Dr. Patel for the AMA WPS YPS GC position. I am confident that she will exceed expectations and contribute significantly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Saul Levin" followed by a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the text "M.D., M.P.A." is written in a smaller, less legible script.

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