

Young Physicians Section (AMA-YPS)

Chair-elect

Name

Alisha Dawn Reiss

Credentials

MD, FACS

Pronouns

She/Her



Statement of interest

Healthcare is changing, and to protect our profession, physicians must create the policy that will shape the change. We need diverse opinions and experiences to create robust policy. The Young Physicians Section represents the broad spectrum as well as the future of medicine. It is our diversity and energy that gives us the strength to shape the change.

As Chair-elect, my vision is to expand our reach. I want to develop tools/resources to help more young physicians get involved. Over the past several years, I have seen state medical organizations and specialty societies increase young physician involvement, and personally, I have helped to create a YPS in Ohio. I believe that our Section is uniquely poised to be a resource for development.

Through my involvement in organized medicine, I have learned the most from my colleagues in

the YPS. We are all experts, and we all bring valuable opinions and experiences to the table. We represent all specialties, practice-types, geographic locations, and ethnicities. It is this diversity that gives our Section strength in policy development, creating programming, and forming an organization that represents the whole of medicine.

There are so many issues facing physicians including burdensome regulations, workforce, staffing, burnout, and scope creep. We have the unique ability to harness the power of our Section to find creative solutions that will allow us to practice our art and deliver high-quality care to all patients. My mission is to increase engagement and develop the next generation of leaders shaping medicine.

Diversity statement

I am female general surgeon practicing in rural Ohio. I believe that I bring diversity to the position on multiple levels. Born to working-class parents and growing up in a healthcare underserved area, I understand personally what it means to face access to care issues as the patient. After completion of training, I returned to my hometown to practice general surgery. Now, I feel the struggles of getting patients access to the high-quality care that all Americans deserve. Having experience both on a personal and professional level in rural healthcare provides me with a unique perspective that I bring to leadership.