
Women Physicians Section (AMA-WPS)

Young Physicians Section Representative to
the WPS Governing Council

Name

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Credentials

MD, MHA

Pronouns

She/Her



Statement of interest

I am writing to express my enthusiastic interest in joining the AMA-WPS GC. As a dedicated and passionate advocate for women in medicine on both a state and national level, I believe that the WPS plays a crucial role in fostering a supportive and empowering environment for women physicians. I have witnessed the unique challenges that women in medicine face, from navigating professional advancement to addressing gender-specific health issues. It is evident that the WPS is at the forefront of addressing these challenges, and I am eager to contribute my commitment to advancing the goals of this esteemed section. My dedication to promoting gender equity in healthcare is deeply rooted in both my professional and personal experience. As evidenced by my CV and letters of recommendation, I have served in a variety of leadership capacities both on a state and national level within my state and specialty associations. I am excited about the section's dedication to advocacy and policy work, and I am eager to contribute to creating a supportive network for women physicians and inspiring the next generation of female physician leaders. Joining the WPS GC is an opportunity to be part of a community that is committed to advancing the role and influence of women in medicine. I am confident that my experiences, skills, and passion align seamlessly with the goals of the WPS, and I look forward to the possibility of contributing to the continued success and impact of this important section. Thank

you for your consideration.

Diversity statement

I believe I bring a myriad of diversity characteristics. As a first-generation South Asian Indian female with a mixed Hispanic cultural background growing up in rural Mississippi and parents working blue collar jobs to make ends meet, I have faced adversity, racism, and bias in many different forms—gender bias, age bias, religious bias, socioeconomic bias, and so much more. However, these lived experiences have shaped the person I am today. I was the first in my family to graduate college in the United States in addition to pursuing graduate school completing a Doctor of Medicine and Master's in Healthcare Administration. Today, I celebrate that my genuine attitude, ambition, outgoing personality, and inspiring energy motivates and empowers others, especially young women, to make positive change. I feel my educational and work experiences in social media, marketing, blogging, administration, organized medicine, clinical and academic work will bring a unique perspective to this council—one of value that will generate engagement, ideas, and solutions. I truly feel that I move medicine by striving to improve the culture of medicine—one of compassion and one of equity. I would be most honored to be considered for the AMA-WPS YPS GC position.