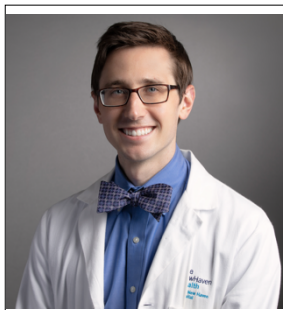


Delegate

Daniel Kerekes, MD



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My name is Daniel Kerekes, and I am a general surgery resident at Yale currently on my research years. Over the past 18 months, I have seen firsthand the impact that legislative advocacy can have on physicians and patients, and this has instilled in me a deep passion for participating in policy discussions and being a voice in the Room Where It Happens. I am not afraid to speak out, and I am hoping to actively represent resident issues in the HOD in 2023.

I first became involved with legislative advocacy and the AMA in medical school at Johns Hopkins. Throughout my time in Baltimore I was a member of the Baltimore Harm Reduction Coalition, through which I became an opioid overdose response and education trainer, training community members to recognize overdose and administer naloxone. I joined the AMA as a first-year medical student, traveling to several meetings to defend resolutions that I helped author, and eventually being elected Treasurer of our chapter. I attended an advocacy day in Washington, D.C. in which I met with staff of Maryland's elected officials to advocate for increased GME funding. I also joined the Region 6 legislative action committee and helped provide critical feedback on regional resolutions.

In residency, my legislative advocacy efforts initially took a pause while I learned the ropes of surgical residency. Then, last year, I began to carry the legislative advocacy torch once again and with a deeper vigor than ever before. I completed a year-long course on advocacy and joined a harm reduction team of physicians that worked with elected state officials on designing policy related to Connecticut's response to the opioid epidemic, with our work culminating in a bill that became Connecticut law in 2022. I joined the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) and offered oral and written testimony to the Connecticut General Assembly on two opioid-related bills. I published an op-ed in the *New Haven Register* on bringing an overdose response center to Connecticut. And I became involved again in the AMA. Last year, I attended Annual-22 as a CSMS delegate to the RFS, and I submitted two resolutions that led to RFS policy changes. I am filling in as an RFS Alternate Delegate for Interim-22, and I am hoping to take on a bigger role for 2023.

I would be honored to represent you and all residents in the AMA HOD next year.