

Council on Medical Service (CMS)

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Statement of Interest

Early in my training, I looked at medicine through a single lens. I was not prepared for the ambush of social circumstances that I faced training in inner city Detroit that would greatly impact my patients' lives. As my training continues, I find myself fortunate to be in a residency program that not only strengthens my clinical knowledge, but also addresses the socioeconomic challenges that exist in inner cities. My goal is to achieve health equity and optimize healthcare in marginalized populations by addressing the structural and environmental barriers to proper and adequate healthcare. Determined to better serve the city I have the privilege of training in, I participated in programs, such as the Global Leadership and Urban Equity and Healing Between the Lines, that address the intersections of structural racism and health. Serving on national committees, such as the AAMC task force, I used my voice to address disparities on a larger scale. While we met regularly to direct national standards regarding clinical skills assessments, we aimed to build an inclusive and collaborative work environment to eliminate barriers for underrepresented populations in medicine. Throughout my residency, I successfully launched a yearly residency training workshop addressing implicit bias among physicians. I have also led an initiative to screen for social determinants of health in our primary care clinic. I hope that through the Council on Medical Service I can continue to study the socioeconomic aspects that influence the practice of medicine and affect all our patients on a larger scale.