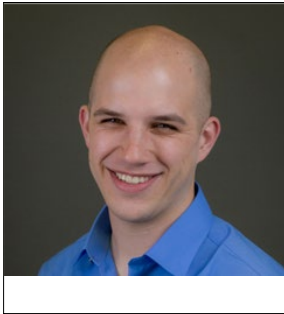


## Alternate Delegate

### Jacob Altholz, MD



**Residency/Fellowship Program:** University of Las Vegas, Nevada

**Expected Graduation Date:** June 2024

**Specialty:** Emergency Medicine

Though a member of the American Medical Association since 2019, I started off working with organizational medicine as part of the Organization of Student Representative's Administrative Board at the AAMC in late 2018. This role taught me the importance of unified effort and deliberation on behalf of the profession, proving that when we work together, we do better for both our patients and ourselves. The COVID pandemic was an especially challenging time, medical students being removed from the clinical environment and great uncertainty around the examinations/licensure in the years moving forward.

Since then, my involvement and interests have grown alongside my professional development, moving into a Health Policy Academy offered by the Emergency Medicine Residents' Association in tandem with the American College of Emergency Physicians. Through this opportunity I served on the delegation representing residents during ACEP Council and plan on continuing to do so on behalf of Nevada. The fellowship coming to a natural end this calendar year, I am excited to take what I have learned and use it to the betterment of all of medicine.

Often as physicians we fall into the trap of pigeonholing ourselves into our specialty, a failure on behalf of our patients and colleagues when we can come together and elicit change. The American Medical Association is a great example of this. All physicians from all specialties have a voice in the institution, a house where we can deliberate as professionals with one another and as a unified voice to the country within which we live.

We as a country are facing numerous crises within healthcare, for example reproductive healthcare access, deep disparities in access to care, and climate change to just name a few. It is our responsibility as physicians, especially within the RFS as future leaders, to enact good.