Minority Affairs Section (AMA-MAS)
Young Physician Section representative to the MAS
Governing Council

Name
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Credentials
MD

Pronouns
He/Him

Statement of interest
What has been strongest in my commitment as a specialist in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases is the advancement toward healthcare equity and the uniqueness of challenges associated with healthcare delivery to minority populations. With a solid clinical background and interest in not only specialized terminology but also intellectual conversation, I believe I am well-equipped to be significantly productive within the AMA Minority Affairs Section (MAS).

My life's ambition is to be career-oriented, striving unceasingly for excellence and innovation in health care. I have utilized my high IQ and expertise in IT like AI for Healthcare, Web & App development to develop revolutionary machine-learning applications in health care. These involve AI-driven radiological measurements, gender detection, and early detection systems for skin infections, which help improve the accuracy of diagnostics and patient outcomes.

In my capacity as a life, wellness, and professional coach, I have guided numerous individuals toward achieving personal and professional goals. The practice has made me very effective in communication, inspiring people to bring a change for the better—thus developing leadership skills in me that are needed within MAS.

I have a deep interest in the proactive sharing of information and the empowerment of
communities with knowledge. I believe the MAS can be pivotal in fostering an inclusive environment where minority physicians can thrive and healthcare disparities can be systematically addressed.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with all the leaders so that together, we can strategize how to advocate for the minority health issues

Diversity statement

Diversity and inclusion are core values in my professional and personal life. As a physician specializing in internal medicine and infectious diseases, I have witnessed the impact of health disparities on minority populations. My career focuses on addressing these inequalities through innovative solutions and compassionate care.

Being from a minority background, I have experienced healthcare from both patient and physician perspectives. This dual viewpoint has enlightened me about the barriers minority patients face in accessing quality care, driving my advocacy for equitable treatment and improved health outcomes for all.

My work across various regions in the USA has exposed me to diverse community needs and challenges. This geographic diversity has strengthened my commitment to healthcare equity.

At Charleston Area Medical Center, I lead a Diversity and Inclusion project aimed at creating a more inclusive and sensitive work environment for both clients and staff. This project involves policy and practice development, making a significant impact.

Through social media and content creation, I actively voice issues related to diversity and inclusion in the medical field and society. These platforms empower me to create inclusive, informative, and empowering content.

I am committed to fostering an environment where diversity is celebrated, and inclusion is the norm. Leveraging my skills and experiences, I aim to contribute to a healthcare system that is equitable and just for all, regardless of background. Thank you for considering my application.