

Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS)

Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Member-at-Large

Name

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Credentials

MD, MPH

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He/Him



Statement of interest

I recently had the privilege of serving as an AMA ambassador and participating at the National Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C., where we advocated for critical policy reforms concerning Medicare, residency/fellowship slots, and overall healthcare system enhancements. This experience particularly impacted me, marking my inaugural participation in a significant advocacy role.

Notably, in November 2023, following our concerted efforts, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced a proposed 3.37% cut to physician payments for 2024. Our advocacy as AMA ambassadors was pivotal, leading to a decisive action by the House of Representatives, which voted to halve this reduction to 1.68%. This outcome reaffirms the influence of advocacy and the vital need for continuous engagement in these matters and beyond. This realization and desire to effect meaningful change drives my interest in applying for a leadership role within the RFS to leverage advocacy to address and surmount the challenges facing residents, fellows, patients, and the medical profession.

My background in local, national, and international healthcare initiatives, detailed in my CV, equips me with a unique perspective and a proven track record of leadership and impact. I am eager to bring my passion for advocacy, experience in impactful leadership roles, and commitment to the medical community to the Resident Fellow Section.

Diversity statement

I bring a commitment to diversity that is both personal and professional. My background, experiences, and perspectives are guided by my journey as an individual who has navigated various cultural, socioeconomic, and professional environments (From Nigeria to Ukraine and then the United States). As a psychiatry resident, I have developed an understanding of the diverse mental health needs across different communities, further enriching my approach to healthcare advocacy and policy reform.

Recognizing the richness that diverse voices bring to the table, I will foster an inclusive environment where voices are heard and valued - leveraging it as a strength to drive innovation, empathy, and effectiveness in addressing the complex challenges facing residents and fellows in the healthcare system.

By bringing my diverse experiences and perspectives to this position, I aim to contribute to a more inclusive, equitable, and dynamic AMA RFS, where diversity is acknowledged and celebrated as central to our mission of advancing healthcare for all.