

National Initiative X Teams Announced

Twenty-one AIAMC-member institutions representing 31 team projects have been selected to participate in the AIAMC's National Initiative X: *Optimizing the Clinical Learning Environment for the Future*. These hospitals and health systems span the United States from Washington State to Florida (see sidebar). The AIAMC National Initiative (NI) is the only national and multi-institutional collaborative of its kind in which residents lead multidisciplinary teams in quality improvement projects aligned to their institution's strategic goals. Seventy-two hospitals and health systems and more than 1,650 individuals have participated in the AIAMC National Initiatives since 2007, driving change that has resulted in meaningful and sustainable outcomes improving the quality and safety of patient care. The clinical learning environment is the foundation of graduate medical education, directly shaping the professional development, well-being, and competency of future physicians. The rapidly evolving landscape of modern healthcare, including emerging technologies, workforce shortages, and growing complexity of patient care, demands that physicians are trained in settings that promote adaptability, lifelong learning, and resilience. Participants will attend four learning sessions as well as bi-monthly cohort zoom meetings during the 18-month Initiative. The Committee on the Integration of Academics and Quality (CIAQ) is led by NI X Co--Chairs **Theresa Azevedo-Rousso, MPA**, Regional Senior Director and DIO at **Kaiser Permanente Northern California** and **Victor Kolade, MD**, Clerkship Director, Internal Medicine, at **Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital**. CIAQ has approved the summer pre-work of teams and is busy planning the first meeting, which will be held at the Omni Chicago Hotel on October 16th and 17th. By investing in the clinical learning environment, GME programs can create sustainable learning environments not only to meet the challenges of healthcare but also to lead its transformation. We congratulate these teams for their commitment and leadership!



NI X Participating Institutions

AdventHealth Orlando
Ascension St. Vincent
Aurora Health Care
Baptist Health South Florida
Baystate Health
Carolinas Medical Center
Cleveland Clinic Akron General
Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital
Hackensack Meridian Health -
JFK University Medical Center
Hackensack Meridian Health -
Ocean Medical Center
Henry Ford Rochester Hospital
Kaiser Permanente Northern
California
Mountain Area Health
Education Center
Novant Health
Ochsner Health
OhioHealth Doctors Hospital
RWJBH Monmouth Med Center
St. Luke's University
Health Network
TriHealth, Inc.
UnityPoint Health Des Moines
Virginia Mason Medical Center



Mark Your Calendar: 2026 Annual Meeting

Plans are underway for our 2026 Annual Meeting, to be held **April 16th—18th** at the Omni La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, CA. 2026 Annual Meeting Chairman **Kathy Zoppi, PhD**, Assistant DIO and Professor at Indiana University School of Medicine, and Vice Chair **Reham Shaaban, DO**, Program Director, Internal Medicine, and DIO, The Valley Hospital, are leading an energized group of AIAMC member volunteers in planning a conference that will provide exceptional content in an atmosphere of networking and dialogue you won't find at any other national meeting. Our conference theme ***Anchored in Purpose: Leading through Disruption with Compassion and Courage*** is sure to bring lively and timely discussions. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!

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Call for Proposals & Abstracts: '26 Meeting

Watch your email in-box and *AIAMC This Week* for our annual **Call for Proposals** for breakout sessions and **Call for Abstracts** for posters for acceptance in the AIAMC Annual Meeting program. The 2026 Annual Meeting will be held April 16th—18th at the Omni La Costa Resort and Spa in Carlsbad, California. **Proposals and abstracts are due September 15, 2025.** Submitters will be notified of the committee's selections in October. All accepted presenters are required to register for the conference. **In accordance with AIAMC policy, all registration fees and travel expenses will be the responsibility of the presenter's home institution.** Submitting a proposal and/or abstract is a commitment that, if accepted, all presenters will attend the 2026 Annual Meeting and conduct the session(s) at the time(s) assigned. We encourage you to submit a proposal and/or abstract and look forward to connecting with you at the 2026 Annual Meeting!



Professionalism Resource Challenge

The AIAMC is a founding member of The National Collaborative for Improving the Clinical Learning Environment (NCICLE) and currently represented on the steering committee. We're very excited to launch the 2025 resource challenge in **professionalism**.

Submission Details:

- Submit at least one resource by **September 30, 2025**
- Resources should align with NCICLE's Professionalism pathways or key attributes
- Submissions may include tools, curricula, articles, case studies, or other materials

Submit your resources here: [Resource Submission Tool](#)

For questions, contact Davena Moore at dmoore@acgme.org

We look forward to your contributions and to coming together again this fall to celebrate our collective efforts!



Welcome New Member

The Alliance warmly welcomes **Health First Shared Services** to our membership. Health First currently sponsors two ACGME-accredited residency programs with plans to expand to more than eight by 2030 and is located in Rockledge, Florida. They are affiliated with the Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine. **WELCOME!**



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When clinical learning environments, practice settings and health systems cultivate a wholeness of being and sense of purpose — along with competence and continuous improvement — then those within can truly flourish. That's the KNN's aspirational goal: Advancing character, caring and practical wisdom in medicine to ignite positive culture change that helps individuals, communities and society flourish.

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AIAMC Vision Statement

To be the leader in achieving exceptional health and well-being outcomes for the communities we serve through medical education and scholarship.

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