

Annual Meeting Reflections

As reported in the March/April 2021 issue of *Alliance Update*, the AIAMC held our first-ever virtual Annual Meeting on March 25th—27th. The conference theme of *Uniting for Transformational Change* was brought to life through a number of excellent plenary sessions. Our meeting opened with the keynote address presented by **Carl Allamby, MD**, PGY-2 Emergency Medicine Resident, **Cleveland Clinic Akron General**. Dr. Allamby shared his inspiring personal story of growing up in East Cleveland and working as an auto mechanic for 25 years before giving up that career to pursue a lifelong dream of becoming a doctor. At age 47, he graduated from Northeast Ohio Medical University, motivating everyone around him along the journey. **William McDade, MD, PhD**, Chief Inclusion and Diversity Officer, ACGME, shared fascinating information regarding social determinants of health and challenged attendees to groom and nurture a more diverse workforce. **Gillian Abshire, RN**, Director of GME at **Virginia Mason Medical Center**, and **Elizabeth Beiter, MD**, Assistant Program Director, Family Medicine, **TriHealth**, responded to Dr. McDade's presentation and shared their experiences as team leads in National Initiative V's *Improving Community Health and Health Equity through Medical Education*. Day two opened with a panel featuring a medical student, resident, DIO and CEO, all of whom reflected upon their experiences over the past year. COVID-19, social injustice, and natural disasters had lasting impacts, and it was compelling to hear these stories longitudinally over the course of a career path. That afternoon and day three offered cross-over programming with the AIAMC National Initiative VII: *Teaming for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice*. The conference ended with *Until the Bitter Weather Passes: Well-Being and Courage in Times of Stress*, presented by **Dael Waxman, MD**, Medical Director, Physician Well-Being for Medical Education at **Atrium Health**. Dr. Waxman's comforting thoughts encouraged all of us to take better care of the caregiver, and to take the time to ensure our team members are well.

Mark your calendars now for the AIAMC 2022 Annual Meeting, to be held March 24th—26th at the Loews New Orleans Hotel.

Annual Meeting registrants may access session content three months post-conference. Simply:

1. Go to <https://aiamc21.e-attend.com/>
2. Log in with your email address
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If you did not register for the Annual Meeting,, you may access session slide decks on the AIAMC website here:

<https://aiamc.org/event/31/presentations>

2021 Webinar Series



Visit <https://aiamc.org/event/33/registration> to register for our 2021 Webinar Series. Launched in March, future topics include the 4-month AIAMC "JEDI" Series (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) as well as the AIAMC Book Club,

Simulation for Multi-Disciplinary Teams, and Telling the Story of GME's Value Using Evidence That Matters. Each live 50-minute webinar is just \$100, and bundling rates are available. Sign-up today by going to aiamc.org, choosing Upcoming Events, and clicking on 2021 Webinar Series. We look forward to seeing you over the course of the year in our Zoom rooms!

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National Initiative News

We are now accepting [applications](#) for participation in our *National Initiative (NI) VIII JEDI: Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion*. Completed [applications](#) are due no later than **June 1, 2021** and must be emailed in Word format. All applicants will be notified of selection in late June, followed by pre-work this summer and our first meeting in October. *We recommend reviewing the full 'Call for Applications' document prior to submitting an application; you may access that here: <https://aiamc.org/blog/national-initiative-viii-call-for-applications>* To learn more about participation in National Initiative VIII, plan to attend one of two information webinars to be held on Friday April 30th at 11:00 am EDT and Tuesday, May 11th at 3:00 pm EDT. The webinars are free, but pre-registration is required. To register for one of the webinars, visit <https://aiamc.org/event/35/registration>. We hope you'll join us in this timely and vital work!

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. Sixty-seven hospitals and health systems and more than 1,200 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.

Meet New Board Directors

The following AIAMC members began their board appointments effective April 1st:

Victor Kolade, MD

Dr. Kolade is the Program Director for Internal Medicine at Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, PA.

Steven Svoboda, MBA

Mr. Svoboda is the Vice President for Medical Education and Consortium DIO for AMITA Health in Chicago, IL.

Jack Ziffer, PhD, MD

Dr. Ziffer is the Executive Vice President, Chief Clinical Officer, and Chief Physician Executive for Baptist Health South Florida in Miami.

Dr. Kolade, Mr. Svoboda, and Dr. Ziffer will serve a three-year term. Their appointments were approved by the membership at our virtual Town Hall meeting held March 26th. We extend to them our congratulations and appreciation!

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To serve as a learning organization of independent academic medical centers through the application of innovative education and scholarship that drives exceptional patient care.

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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People with pigmented skin have been marginalized and have faced worse healthcare outcomes than their peers with lighter skin colors for too long. One reason for this disparity is the underrepresentation of dark skin in our educational materials. A recent study published in JAAD analyzing more than 15 thousand images across dermatology resources found that only 19.5% of the images depicted dark skin (Source: [https://www.jaad.org/article/S0190-9622\(20\)31138-5/fulltext](https://www.jaad.org/article/S0190-9622(20)31138-5/fulltext)). This lack of representation can affect diagnosis and delay treatment in people of color.

Medical images play a crucial role in educating students, residents, and even seasoned providers; they also capture a history and tell a story. VisualDx boasts one of the world's largest medical image collections and the most diverse; 28.5% of the collection reflects darker skin, according to JAAD.

We must ensure students, residents, and clinicians are trained to recognize subtle differences in presentation to provide more equitable care for all patients. There are potentially life-threatening infectious diseases that can present with skin changes that are very subtle on darker skin tones. Recognizing skin inflammation or infection in patients with darker skin can also be challenging, as the differences between healthy and affected skin can be subtler. For instance, erythema does not appear red or pink in people with darker skin phototypes; instead, the skin may appear brown or violaceous.

For over 20 years, VisualDx has been committed to providing a comprehensive resource for medical images across all skin types. We have curated an unmatched image library reflecting disease on all skin types. Not only is this vast repository of images crucial for health professionals for diagnosis and treatment, but it is also critical for their patients.

We know the importance of helping healthcare professionals with the challenges and subtleties of recognizing skin changes in patients with darker skin pigmentation. Equally important is the ability to engage with patients of color by showing them images that look like them or the way a diagnosis manifests on dark skin. This can build confidence and trust—an essential part of practicing exemplary medicine.

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In dark skin, the inflammation of dermatomyositis is more subtle, and has a brown to purple color and does not look like typical inflammation.

In light skin, the inflammation due to dermatomyositis is easily seen as red or pink skin.

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