

New National Initiative Impact Award

The AIAMC Board of Directors is pleased to announce a new member achievement award. The **National Initiative Impact Award** will recognize AIAMC members whose prior National Initiative projects have sustained their success and have left a meaningful impact on individual participants as well as internal and external partners. Building upon the *5 Levels of Impact* developed by the AIAMC Programming Committee in 2021, the award criteria are as follows:

INDIVIDUAL/PARTICIPANT: The project has sustained positive impacts on team members and/or those who participated in the project (e.g., community stakeholders, C-suite representatives, residents).

ALIGNMENT: The project strongly aligns with the priorities of their own organization, AIAMC, and professional organizations (e.g., ABMS, AHA, AMA).

INTERNAL UTILIZATION: The project was adopted or adapted within other medical education programs (i.e., other learner programs) and others in your health care system (e.g., other departments such as DEI, HR, and others).



EXTERNAL DISSEMINATION: The project has been shared beyond their own organization at regional or national level including other health care, community, medical education organizations, scholarly activity/conference presentations, and /or peer reviewed scholarship

Surveys will be sent to team leaders from National Initiative I through VIII in September, with responses due to kimberly@aiamc.org by mid-November. In early 2025, The Committee on the Integration of Academics and Quality (CIAQ) and National Advisory Council (NAC) members will review the submissions and identify award recipient(s). The first National Initiative Impact Award will be presented at our annual wards dinner on March 21, 2025 in New Orleans. We look forward to receiving your submissions!



Mark Your Calendar: 2025 Annual Meeting

Plans are underway for our 2025 Annual Meeting, to be held **March 20th—22nd** at the Loews New Orleans Hotel. 2025 Annual Meeting Chairman **Jake Bidwell, MD, Aurora Health Care**, and Vice Chair

Kathleen Zoppi, PhD, Indiana University School of Medicine, 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 **Thriving: The Power of One to Transform** (working title) is sure to bring lively and timely discussions. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!

The AIAMC National Initiative 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 hospitals and health systems and over 1,500 individuals have participated in 266 quality improvement projects since 2007 driving change that has resulted in meaningful and sustainable outcomes improving the quality and safety of patient care.

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Call For Proposals: 2025 Annual Meeting

The *Call for Proposals* for breakout sessions and *Call for Abstracts* for posters may be accessed on our website here: [AIAMC 2025 Annual Meeting: Call for Poster Abstracts and Breakout Session Proposals | AIAMC](#) .

The 2025 Annual Meeting will be held March 20th—22nd at the Loews New Orleans Hotel. **Proposals and abstracts are due September 16, 2024**. 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 2025 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 2025 Annual Meeting!



Loews New Orleans Hotel
New Orleans, LA

Call for Well-Being Resource Challenges

The National Collaborative for Improving the Clinical Learning Environment (NCICLE) is now accepting submissions for the 2024 NCICLE Well-Being Resources Challenge. The deadline for submissions is **September 30th**. We know that many AIAMC members – especially those who participated in National Initiative VI *Stimulating a Culture of Well-Being in the Clinical Learning Environment* have outstanding resources to share. To learn more and submit your institution’s well-being resources(s), visit **[Resource Submission Tool](#)**.



NCICLE recently released the 2023 Teaming Resource Compendium, [Teaming Resources \(ncicle.org\)](#) which includes resources organizations can use to support and promote Teaming in the clinical learning environment. The Teaming Resource Compendium includes over 40 resources such as journal articles, webinars, learning modules, and toolkits.

Welcome New Members

We recently welcomed three new hospitals to our membership. Florida hospitals AdventHealth Sebring, AdventHealth Tampa, and AdventHealth Wesley Chapel bring our total number of sponsored programs to nearly 900 and represent over 11,900 residents in training. Welcome!



DID YOU KNOW that health system membership offers significant discounts that may be divided among the member organizations? With the many mergers and acquisitions taking place, be sure to take advantage of the AIAMC annual dues stricture that makes the most sense for your institution(s):

Single Institution:

\$6,825

Health System:

\$6,825 - 1st Hospital

\$3,000 – 2nd Hospital

\$2,200 – 3rd Hospital

\$1,650 – 4th Hospital

5th and subsequent Hospitals - \$550 Each



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Myth Busters: PYA's Clinical Research Administration Office

For more than 40 years, PYA has helped Academic Health Systems (AHSs) balance the challenges of patient care, education, and research against complexities such as limited funding, governmental regulations, and competition for resources.

Today, AHSs face an increasingly challenging clinical trials environment amid rising medical costs and stringent compliance regulations. This spring, PYA responded to the need for assistance with clinical trial activation and management by launching our Clinical Research Administration Office (CRAO) [PYA | Clinical Trials & Research Program Activation | Operations Assessment & Strategic Planning \(pyapc.com\)](#). The PYA CRAO team comprises seasoned experts deeply skilled in all aspects of clinical trial activation, dedicated to assisting AHSs and other healthcare entities improve and increase healthcare options for patients.

Using experience in all aspects of budgeting, contracting, and compliance, the team of experts in PYA's CRAO bust the myths most often associated with clinical trials:

Myth: Clinical trials cannot be financially viable.

Myth: Startup is too cumbersome.

Myth: Regulatory compliance is too unwieldy.

Is it possible to break through the myths to provide greater clinical options for your community while achieving financial sustainability? We believe it is. Let PYA show you the way.

PYA also addresses other critical issues in academic healthcare, such as:

- Accelerated medical education
- Provider workforce development
- Reimbursement
- Technology
- Mergers and acquisitions
- Governance
- Business and brand valuations
- Fair market value assessments
- Compensation design
- Clinical integration
- Operations optimization

[PYA](#) is a national, independently owned accounting, tax, and healthcare consulting and management firm, and we're here to help. Contact Deborah Biggs, Esq., PYA Principal and Director of Academic Medicine Consulting, at (800) 270-9629.



Partnership Program



The AIAMC Partners Program is designed to cultivate a meaningful relationship between our members and the companies that sponsor AIAMC educational outreach programs. Partner support is critical to our ongoing ability to develop and present substantive programs with knowledgeable faculty in central and appealing locations.

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to our vendor
partners!***

If you would like to be a vendor partner with AIAMC, contact Kimberly Pierce Burke, Executive Director, by e-mailing kimberly@aiamc.org.

Meet New Board Directors

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



Rajiv Gala, MD, FACOG
Designated Institutional Official
Ochsner Health
New Orleans, LA



Ryan Pong, MD, FASA
Vice President and Chief Academic Officer
Virginia Mason Franciscan Health
Seattle, WA



Diana Singer, PhD, RN, CCRN, CNE, C-TAGME
Executive Director, Academic Affairs
JPS Health Network
Fort Worth, TX

Drs. Gala, Pong, and Singer will serve a three-year term. Their appointments were approved by the membership at our Town Hall meeting held April 5th in Tucson. We extend to them our congratulations and appreciation!

AIAMC Mission Statement

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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Please send news submissions to Kimberly Pierce Burke, Executive Director, by e-mailing kimberly@aiamc.org or by calling 330.497.8332.

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