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Connecting education to exceptional patient care

Save The Date: 2024 Annual Meeting

Join key leaders from independent academic medical centers around the country at Connecting Education to Exceptional Patient Care 2024 Annual Meeting. Our conference theme of ***The Power of Community: Creating a Canopy, Strengthening our Roots*** will be delivered by outstanding, nationally-recognized speakers in an atmosphere of networking and dialogue you won't find at any other national meeting. Key topics will include community, advocacy, and the social and moral determinants of health.



Keynote Speaker Atul Grover, MD, PhD

Atul Grover, MD, PhD, Executive Director, AAMC Research and Action Institute, will provide the keynote address focusing on his unique insights regarding actions inside the beltway and their implications for teaching hospitals and medical schools. Dr. Grover is the inaugural executive director of the Association of American Medical Colleges' Research and Action Institute. The institute convenes national experts to examine the most critical issues affecting the missions and institutions of academic medicine; develop policy and programmatic solutions; and harness member medical schools, teaching hospitals and academic health systems, and academic societies to test, validate, and scale effective change. The 2024 Annual Meeting will be held at the beautiful **Loews Ventana Canyon Resort**. This four-diamond luxury resort is located at the base of Tucson's Santa Catalina Mountains. Private balconies with every guest room provide front-row seats to breathtaking views of the mountains, an 80-foot waterfall, and the city lights of Tucson. Our special conference rate is just \$269/night. The conference agenda may be viewed at www.AIAMC.org – Upcoming Events. **Online registration will open in early November.** Register by January 15th, and you will receive a 10% discount. Save the date now and plan to attend!

2024 Annual Meeting

April 4—6, 2024

Loews Ventana Canyon
Tucson, AZ

Plenary Speakers Confirmed as of 8/29/23:

Donna Lamb, DHSc, MBA, BSN
President and CEO
National Resident Matching Program (NRMP)

LaMenta Conway, MD, MPH
Deputy Chief of Health Services,
IL Department of Corrections,
and Founder & Board Member, I
Am Abel Foundation

Kimora Ellefson
National Director of Partnerships
Kern National Network for
Caring and Character in
Medicine



Loews Ventana Canyon Resort
Tucson, Arizona

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National Initiative News

The first meeting of National initiative IX *Addressing the Social and Moral Determinants of Health (SMDH)* will be held on Friday, October 13th at the Omni Chicago Hotel and will focus on understanding SMDH and its impact on health outcomes and the clinical learning environment. Cohort groups will meet in breakout rooms and share their project plans. Ample time will be provided for institutional teams to meet and set goals for project completion in March 2025. Registration is open to NI IX team leaders and members here: [2023 AIAMC National Initiative IX Meeting One | AIAMC](#). Please note our **room block will close on September 11th**. To make your reservation, visit <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/chicago/meetings/aiamc-2023-national-initiative-meeting-10112023>



Call For Nominations: Board and Awards

[Nominations](#) are now being accepted for Board of Director positions beginning April 1, 2024. The deadline for receipt of [completed applications](#) is **November 15, 2023**. Each member of the AIAMC Board of Directors is committed to the mission and vision of the organization. The [job](#) of the Board of Directors is to advise, govern, oversee and assist with the leadership and general promotion of the AIAMC so as to ensure the organization meets its mission and serves the needs of its members. To best ensure complementing current Board capabilities and completing strategic plan initiatives, candidates with the following backgrounds are preferred: Chief Executive Officer, Chief Nursing Officer, Chief Diversity Officer, General Counsel/Chief Legal Officer, and other senior leaders representing various areas of the clinical learning environment. The AIAMC is committed to providing diverse leadership for our membership.



Nominations are also now being accepted for the 2024 AIAMC Annual Awards program, with the deadline for receipt of completed applications by **November 15, 2023**. The [Ethel Weinberg, MD Award](#) is presented to an AIAMC individual member who best exemplifies the energy and commitment of our founder. The Alliance [Innovation Award](#) is presented to an AIAMC institutional member who best exemplifies creative and innovative approaches to medical education and research.

Last Call for Abstracts and Posters

We are in the final days of accepting [abstracts](#) and [proposals](#) for the AIAMC's 2024 Annual Meeting. Prior to submitting an abstract and/or proposal, be sure to read the complete [poster](#) and [breakout session](#) requirements. Abstracts and proposals are due **no later than September 15th**, and submitters will be notified of the selection committee's decision by mid-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 2024 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 2024 Annual Meeting!





SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VENDOR PARTNERS

ECG: Gold Sponsor

As GME leaders, AIAMC members are acutely aware of the financial struggles facing many teaching hospitals. Opportunities to garner increased funding, particularly through CMS, are rare.

However, in 2022, ECG partnered with several health systems to complete applications for additional cap slots through the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA). Earlier this year, the results of those applications were released, and all 10 hospitals for which ECG prepared applications were awarded cap slots. This resulted in an additional 24.2 DGME and 23.1 IME FTEs and approximately \$3.2 million in new annual reimbursement.

The application process took place over the course of several weeks.

- ◆ First, ECG met with corporate GME leadership at each health system to identify the locations and programs with the greatest need of cap relief.
- ◆ Once these institution/program combinations were identified, ECG met with local GME and service line leadership to better understand program characteristics and statistics, the rationale for program expansion, and the broader market need for enhanced services.
- ◆ Finally, ECG compiled this information into a written cover letter with supporting documentation, populated the online submission tool, and submitted applications on behalf of the various programs.

CAA applications are typically due in March. If your hospital is operating GME programs above its cap and you would like more information about how ECG can help with the next round of applications, check out our recent blog post on this topic:

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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.

Thank you 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.

PYA, PC: Silver Sponsor

PYA Offers a Customizable Student Tracker Dashboard

PYA understands timely information is necessary for the work done by academic health systems (AHS). This is especially true when tracking students and residents across hospitals and large health systems. With learners spending short stints in multiple locations across AHS or large hospitals, coupled with resource constraints and labor shortages, tracking learners in real time can be a daunting but no less important task.

The need to identify the location of learners in real time is necessary for many reasons including regulatory and workforce management, potential crisis mitigation, programs, specialties, preceptors, rotation dates, affiliations, and facilities with various ways to filter the data to achieve desired results. The tool is fully customizable, allowing the opportunity to meet the needs of any AHS or hospital including but not limited to these:

- Tracking affiliation agreements
- Ensuring health screens and compliance training are completed
- Confirming IT and badging access is appropriately established
- Documenting compensation associated with teaching duties

Ranked by *Modern Healthcare* as [one of the nation's Top 20 healthcare consulting firms](#) and listed among the country's [Top 100 accounting firms](#) by INSIDE Public Accounting, PYA serves clients in all 50 states—including more than 125 academic health systems—from offices in seven cities. PYA's culture is built on commitments to radical responsiveness, outstanding client relationships, and exceptional insight and advice—[The PYA Way](#).

For a tutorial of the tool or guidance with any matter related to academic medicine, strategic planning, compliance, valuation, or transaction solutions, please reach out to Deborah Biggs, Esq, at dbiggs@pyapc.com or 734.649.1381, and visit pyapc.com for more information.



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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