

# ALLIANCE *update*

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Connecting education to exceptional patient care

## Save The Date: 2025 Annual Meeting

Join key leaders from independent academic medical centers around the country at Connecting Education to Exceptional Patient Care 2025 Annual Meeting. Our conference theme of **Thriving: The Power of One to Transform the Future** 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 leadership as well as the political, social and moral determinants of health.

**Nancy Spector, MD**, will provide the keynote address. Dr. Spector's roles at the Drexel University College of Medicine include Senior Vice Dean for Faculty, Professor of Pediatrics, Executive Director of ELAM and ELH, and Executive Director of the Lynn Yeakel Institute for Women's Health and Leadership. Her scholarly work focuses on the development and implementation of competency-based educational programs, mentorship, faculty development, professional development and leadership skills. Dr. Spector's keynote address will focus on leadership in times of chaos.

Back by popular demand will be our second annual **service project**. The AIAMC is partnering with HandsOn New Orleans, with meeting attendees assembling beaded bracelets containing positive messages in Morse Code. After the conference, the bracelets will be distributed to STEM students in local New Orleans schools.

The 2025 Annual Meeting will be held at the at the memorable **Loews New Orleans Hotel**. The hotel is located just three blocks from the French Quarter, Aquarium of the Americas, and various riverfront attractions. Our special conference rate is \$269/night. The conference agenda may be viewed at [www.AIAMC.org](http://www.AIAMC.org) – Upcoming Events.

**On-line registration will open in early November**. Register by January 15<sup>th</sup>, and you will receive a 10% discount. Save the date now and plan to attend!



Keynote Speaker Nancy Spector, MD

2025 Annual Meeting

March 20—22

Loews New Orleans Hotel  
New Orleans, LA

Plenary Speakers Confirmed as of 8/28/24:

Victoria Gillispie-Bell, MD  
Medical Director, Louisiana  
Department of Health

Carl Patow, MD ,Founder  
AIAMC National Initiatives

Summative Presentations  
National Initiative IX  
Addressing the Social and Moral  
Determinants of Health



There's No Place Quite Like New Orleans!

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# National Initiative News

The third meeting of National initiative IX *Addressing the Social and Moral Determinants of Health (SMDH)* will be held virtually on Friday, October 11th and will focus on understanding the meso environment approach: supporting the SMDH project and seeking input from others. The keynote address will consist of a panel representing the C-Suite, ACGME, and GME/Community. Cohort groups will meet in breakout rooms and share their meeting three storyboards. National Advisory Council members will join the cohorts and share their reflections at day's end. Team leaders are required to attend; team members are encouraged to attend as budgets and schedules allow. Register here [AIAMC National Initiative IX Meeting Three | AIAMC](#) by **September 11th** before higher, offline rates apply.



## Call For Nominations: Board and Awards

[Nominations](#) are now being accepted for Board of Director positions beginning April 1, 2025. The deadline for receipt of [completed applications](#) is **November 15, 2024**. 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: Nursing, Pharmacy, Post Graduate PA (Physician Assistant), Psychology, and Community Outreach. The AIAMC is committed to providing diverse leadership for our membership.



Nominations are also now being accepted for the 2025 AIAMC Annual Awards program, with the deadline for receipt of completed applications by **November 15, 2024**. 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 2025 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 16<sup>th</sup>**, 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 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!





# SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VENDOR PARTNERS

## ECG: Gold Sponsor

Mental Health Matters to ECG.

The rate of depression or depressive symptomology during residency has been reported to be as high as 43%. This concerning statistic requires institutional and program leaders to address the numerous barriers to mental healthcare resource use for physicians in training. While the ACGME revised the common program requirements in 2017 to incorporate psychological, emotional, and physician well-being as foundational necessities for a positive learning and working environment, these elements have historically overlooked in GME program curricula.

ECG's Jessica Wells discusses these barriers and offers five action steps that organizational leaders should consider providing comprehensive and holistic support programs for their residents. As Jessica points out, only once organizational and individual values, culture, and behaviors are aligned can we begin to train a truly healthy physician workforce.

1. **Provide** innovative, targeted support to residents.
2. **Improve** access to services for those transitioning to residency.
3. **Implement** opt-out mental healthcare programming as the standard.
4. **Encourage** confirmational faculty behavior to reduce stigma.
5. **Identify** barriers to individuals thriving in your working and learning environment.

**ECG is also surveying the community** to better understand moonlighting and resident compensation trends. If you would like to participate, [please complete the survey](#). All participants will receive a summary report of our findings.

[Read more](#) to learn how to best support your residents.

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Tackling the big challenges

In recent research from Huron, leaders of academic health centers (AHCs) identified the top trends impacting their organizations. Their answers point to priorities that cut across the organization, including technology infrastructure, redesigning the workforce, cost reduction optimization, redefining portfolio, and consumer experience.

That's where Huron can help.

**Huron's integrated team of research, higher education, and healthcare experts is helping leading institutions succeed amid challenges and change.**

Whether success means bringing more focus to your growth and innovation strategy, revisiting your faculty compensation structure, or harnessing new technology, our team knows how to innovate.

## Our services include:

- Strategic planning facilitation
- Governance and operating model optimization
- Financial planning and performance improvement
- Operational/service delivery performance improvement
- Compliance and risk management
- Technology selection and implementation
- Advancement planning
- Inter-entity funds flow management
- Capabilities to drive patient-centered care
- Managed services support

## What's next for your institution?

No matter where your institution is headed and what challenges may lie ahead, our team is here for what's next. Start a conversation today about what's possible for your AHC.



## Contact our Huron experts:

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## 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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