Congressional Academic Medicine Caucus

The Congressional Academic Medicine Caucus (CAMC) is an informal, bipartisan group of members of Congress dedicated to maintaining and strengthening our nation’s reputation for having the world’s most advanced medical care. CAMC members strive to educate their colleagues on the unique health care, research, and training missions of teaching hospitals and medical schools. Working in close collaboration with the AAMC, the CAMC has sponsored numerous educational briefings on Capitol Hill with representatives of medical schools, teaching hospitals, and others in the academic medical community to discuss trauma care, rural workforce shortages, academic medicine’s response to Ebola, hospital performance measurement, workforce shortages within the Department of Veterans Affairs, and many other critical issues.

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Project Medical Education

Project Medical Education (PME) is an intensive, one-and-a-half day interactive learning program, organized by an academic medical center in collaboration with the AAMC, that informs policymakers and their staff, community leaders, donors, and others about the missions and work of medical schools and teaching hospitals. Through hands-on sessions, in which participants assume the roles of medical student, resident physician, faculty physician, and researcher, participants learn what it takes to become a physician; how academic medical centers fulfill their three-fold missions of providing extraordinary clinical care, medical education, and scientific research; and how local, state, and national governments contribute to this process.

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In addition to the reports and resources in the previous section, there are also opportunities to get involved in activities to support medical schools and teaching hospitals, including having members of Congress join the Congressional Academic Medicine Caucus or attending a Project Medical Education conducted by individual medical schools and teaching hospitals.