GIR News and Business

Registration Open: Learn Serve Lead 2017
Join your colleagues in Boston from November 3-7 for the AAMC’s signature learning and networking event: Learn Serve Lead 2017. Registration is now open!

Our community of educators, learners, researchers, patient care providers, administrators and health system leaders will gather to share experiences, bold visions, and innovations. You’ll return home with fresh inspiration, new insights, and the resilience to lead change.

GIR IT Survey
Interested in what business intelligence technologies medical schools are using? Or what technologies medical schools are using for space management? The answers can be found in the AAMC Group on Information Resources (GIR) Medical School IT Survey Data File. Please contact girsurvey@aamc.org for more information.

Approximate School of Medicine IT Budget
For both 2014 and 2016, almost half of medical schools responding in both years had an IT budget between one million to five million dollars.

AAMC News

AAMC Statement on Vote Against Senate Health Care Reform Bill
Following the Senate vote in late July to defeat the Health Care Freedom Act of 2017, known as the "skinny repeal," AAMC President and CEO Darrell G. Kirch, MD, noted: "On behalf of the patients we care for, we thank the Senate for voting to protect the health of millions of Americans." Read more.
AAMC Cosponsors Rally for Medical Research on Capitol Hill
The AAMC is cosponsoring the 2017 Rally for Medical Research Capitol Hill Day, hosted by the American Association for Cancer Research, on Sept. 14 in Washington, D.C. Last year, more than 200 organizations and institutions supported the event, which brings together participants from a broad coalition of medical research advocacy groups to urge Congress to make funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) a national priority. Read more.

CMS Proposes Reductions to 340B Drug Pricing Program
In other news from Washington, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued a proposed rule to dramatically reduce Medicare payments for outpatient drugs purchased through the 340B drug pricing program. As we said in our statement, the AAMC strongly opposes the proposed changes, which would penalize safety net hospitals participating in the program and severely impede their ability to sustain vital services and care for underserved communities. We urge policymakers to address rising drug costs directly, and not by undermining a vital program that represents less than 3% of the total U.S. drug market and enables teaching hospitals and other providers to care for vulnerable patients.

AAMC Updates FAQs on Travel Ban
The Supreme Court’s June 26th decision to consider the legal challenges to the administration’s travel ban this fall, as well as to continue temporarily allowing individuals from the six affected countries to enter the United States if they have ties to families, schools, or employers here, raised a number of questions within the academic medicine community. To serve as a current resource for our members and constituents on this issue, we have updated our Frequently Asked Questions document (AAMC login required). The FAQs document covers the status of the Supreme Court review of the executive orders, the ban’s current implementation status, individuals who are exempt from the ban, and how the executive orders affect academic medicine. It also provides links to additional information and resources. We continue to follow all updates related to the executive orders closely, and we will keep you informed of any developments.

Learning Opportunities

Is Your Institution Prepared Now For the Future?
Join with colleagues at the 2017 Space Symposium – Promising Practices for the 21st Century. The focus of this meeting is to examine the national trends that our medical schools are currently facing, and how that ultimately impacts the space on your campus. The trends in each mission area will be discussed in more detail, followed by a discussion around the implications on space.

Share this announcement with your campus colleagues so they can gain a greater understanding of the unique needs of our medical schools.

October 16-17
Grand Hyatt Denver
Denver, Colorado
Register today!

Applications Now Accepted for AAMC Executive Development Seminar on Organizational Leadership
Applications are being accepted for the AAMC's Executive Development Seminar on
Organizational Leadership in Academic Medicine, which is designed to equip associate deans and department chairs in the first three years of their roles with leadership and management skills to support their institutions' missions and goals. The seminar will take place in Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 5–8. Read more.

Publications & Resources

**AAMC Resources for Strengthening Diversity and Inclusion Efforts**
There are several initiatives and AAMC resources that are available to support your efforts to create more diverse and inclusive institutions. Last month, Urban Universities for HEALTH—an NIH-funded initiative of the AAMC, the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, and the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities—launched an interactive, web-based toolkit to help university leaders measure efforts to build a diverse and culturally competent health and scientific workforce. The tool can be customized to an institution’s unique mission and needs, and it provides resources to help establish baseline measures to record progress over time, improve internal reporting, develop strategic plan metrics, and set long-term goals.

You can learn about additional AAMC diversity and inclusion resources in my Dr. Kirch’s recent AAMCNews column, which also highlights a powerful conversation that occurred at our June Leadership Forum. And you can help us continue the discussion through the AAMC journal, Academic Medicine, in its next New Conversations series, which will focus on justice, disparities, and meeting the needs of our most vulnerable populations. Please consider submitting a contribution for publication over the coming year, or share this opportunity with colleagues who may be interested.

**2017 Medical School Graduation Questionnaire Report Published**
The AAMC has released its annual report of medical school graduates, the Graduation Questionnaire (GQ). Medical schools use this important tool in program evaluation and to improve the medical student experience. The survey includes questions related to preclinical, clinical, and elective experiences; general medical education and readiness for residency; student services; the medical school learning environment; financial aid and indebtedness; and career plans. Read more.

**Recommended Reading**

**New Hospital Design Focuses on Safety, Patient Experience**
Hospitals are designing new facilities with an eye toward safety and improving the patient experience. AAMCNews examines how hospitals are considering factors such as infection control, lighting conditions, noise level, air quality, use of robotics, and changes in patient care delivery into their designs. Read more.

**Educating Physicians for the Future of Medical Education**
A new LinkedIn series on medical education features an article by Darrell G. Kirch, MD, AAMC president and CEO. “Through research, innovation, and sharing new discoveries and best practices, I believe that America’s medical schools and teaching hospitals can advance and transform medical education, enhance teaching and learning, and improve the health of all,” Kirch notes. Read more.

**Educational Technologies for Physician Continuous Professional**
Development: A National Survey
David A. Cook, MD, MHPE, Morris J. Blachman, PhD, David W. Price, MD, Colin P. West, MD, PhD, Barbara L. Baasch Thomas, BSN, MA, Richard A. Berger, MD, PhD, Christopher M. Wittich, MD, PharmD
Among physicians surveyed about past experience and current/anticipated use of online learning and simulation-based education, current preferences and highest-rated future innovations were identified similarly across ages. Read more.

Let’s Get Real About Health Care Reform
Michael Karpf, MD
The authors propose a six-point actionable framework for integrating implicit bias recognition and management into health professions education that draws on the work of previous researchers and includes practical tools to guide curriculum developers. Read more.

Video: Diversity Is Tied to Mission Success
In a new video, Joan Reede, MD, dean for diversity and community partnership at Harvard Medical School, talks about developing minority leaders to help institutions achieve their goals. Read more.

Diabetes Patients Seeing Better Outcomes Through Technology
Researchers in academic medicine are at the forefront of high-tech strategies that are helping people with diabetes manage the disease more effectively. Read more.

AAMC Leadership Forum Examines Diversity and Inclusion
In his monthly column, Darrell G. Kirch, MD, AAMC president and CEO, highlights a recent discussion with leaders about the barriers to diversity and inclusion at AAMC member institutions and achieving health equity in our communities. Read more.

All Great Minds Don’t Think Alike
Our identity influences how we think and solve problems, and the best solutions can come from blending different perspectives, cognitive diversity expert Scott Page, PhD, says in a new AAMCNews video. Read more.

Welcome New Members
(July 1- July 31)
Jamie Fox
Wayne State University School of Medicine
Jennifer Quaintance
University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine