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The primary mission of the AAMC's Group on Institutional Planning (GIP) is to advance the discipline of planning in academic medicine by enhancing the skills and knowledge of professional planners; to promote the value of planning; and to connect people, resources, and ideas.

GIP News and Business

Welcome from the Chair



Dear GIP Colleagues:

As many of you know, the [GIP Distinguished Service Award](#) is given annually at our Spring Meeting to a current or former GIP member who has contributed significant effort and service to advance the GIP's mission. This year, the Steering Committee has nominated Walter L. Douglas, Jr. Walter is a long-term GIP leader, has greatly contributed to our community, and has been a mentor to many of you. I hope you will join us to celebrate him at our [Spring Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico \(April 25-27\)](#).

Many members like Walter got involved by joining a [GIP subcommittee or workgroup](#). It is an easy way to gain a network of peers from across the country and develop professionally. Please take a minute to review these [GIP opportunities](#) and consider joining. I truly believe that we all have something of value to contribute.

At the end of April, I complete my one-year term as National Chair. It has been my honor to work with all of you. I would like to extend thanks to the Steering Committee, and our active and engaged subcommittees for their continued work and support of the GIP mission.

I look forward to the great things that the GIP will accomplish in the upcoming year with Pam Edward's leadership as our new National Chair.

Thank you,

Niki Smith, MMHC
National Chair, Group on Institutional Planning, AAMC
Associate Vice President, Space Management

AAMC News

AAMC supports introduction of Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2023

On March 29, Reps. Terri Sewell (D-Ala.) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.) introduced the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2023. The bipartisan legislation would gradually expand the number of Medicare-supported medical residency positions by 14,000 over seven years. The AAMC enthusiastically endorsed the legislation as a key strategy to address the growing physician shortage and improve access to care nationwide. [Read More](#)

Next phase of academic medicine campaign highlights advancements in patient care

The AAMC's "[Academic Medicine: What starts here saves lives](#)" campaign ads have been viewed 7.8 million times since the launch in November 2022. This month marks the third phase of the campaign, which highlights advancements in patient care that are at the core of academic medicine. Medical schools, teaching hospitals, and health systems make an outsized contribution to the nation's health, and the AAMC continues to share examples that demonstrate how its member institutions are improving the health of communities by delivering accessible, high-quality care, rooted in the latest research practices and technology. [Read More](#)

Nomination deadline approaching for AAMC Spencer Foreman Award for Outstanding Community Engagement

The Spencer Foreman Award for Outstanding Community Engagement is presented to an AAMC-member medical school or teaching hospital with a long-standing, major institutional commitment to partnering with the community it serves to identify and address community needs. The award honors institutions that serve as exemplars of social responsiveness on the part of the academic medical community. The submission deadline is April 7 at 11:59 p.m. ET. [Read More](#)

Nominations open for 2023 GWIMS Leadership Award

The AAMC Group on Women in Medicine and Science (GWIMS) is seeking nominations for an individual or organization whose gender equity work has impacted the academic medicine community. The GWIMS Steering Committee strongly encourages nominations of leaders and organizations/programs that have significant impact on advancing women leaders in academic medicine and science. Nominations for [emerging](#) and [established](#) faculty leaders and [organizations/programs](#) are encouraged. The deadline for submissions

AAMC, national hospital and pharmacist associations issue statement on PhRMA-led proposal to restrict 340B eligibility

Hospital and pharmacist advocates for safety-net health care and affordable prescription drugs are united in their firm opposition to a misguided effort by the drug industry and some community health centers that would restrict access to the 340B drug pricing program. The groups — 340B Health, the American Hospital Association, the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, America's Essential Hospitals, the AAMC, the Catholic Health Association of the United States, and the Children's Hospital Association — voiced their opposition to a campaign by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), the National Association of Community Health Centers, and other groups to make legislative cuts to the 340B program. The proposed changes would cause massive harm for patients who rely on hospitals that use 340B savings to provide crucial care, services, and programs to their communities. [Read More](#)

AAMCNews: Teaching hospitals are facing thousands of nursing vacancies. Here's how they're getting creative to fill the gaps

From virtual ICUs and paid education to pathway programs, academic medical centers are stepping up to fill the need for more trained nurses. [Read More](#)

AAMCNews: Physicians learn to partner with Dr. Google

As patients increasingly diagnose their ailments online, doctors see both opportunities to improve care and challenges from those who resist their medical advice. [Read More](#)

VaccineVoices: How putting vaccines in schools is reaching kids in need

A new effort in South Carolina helps school nurses get students inoculated against childhood diseases. [Read More](#)

Learning Opportunities

Registration opens for AAMC Center for Health Justice Maternal Health Equity Workshop

As one of its primary focus areas, the AAMC Center for Health Justice is committed to developing resources, convening experts, and strengthening efforts to eliminate inequities in maternal mortality and morbidity. On May 18, the center will convene a virtual event, [Maternal Health Equity Workshop: From Story to Data to Action](#), to generate a common understanding of the data needed to effectively address maternal health inequities.

Registration is free but required. [Register Now](#)

Recording available: AAMC webinar examines the upcoming SFFA v. Harvard and SFFA v. UNC Supreme Court decisions

The Supreme Court of the United States is considering two cases in which plaintiffs are asking that the race of applicants be shielded from decision-makers in college admissions (SFFA v. Harvard and SFFA v. UNC). The decisions are expected by the end of June. The AAMC has developed a [resource webpage](#) to support medical schools ahead of the court's decision and has published a recording of a recent webinar. During the webinar, presenters introduced potential outcomes, outlined considerations for contingency planning, and reviewed critical questions to ask on decision day. [View the Recording](#)

Publications & Resources

New issue brief examines impact of banning gender-affirming medical care

A new issue brief developed by the [AAMC Center for Health Justice](#), in collaboration with researchers at the University of Maryland and The Ohio State University, analyzes the 2023 landscape of state legislation banning gender-affirming medical care for transgender youth. The brief underscores the notion that to achieve health equity and ensure all communities thrive, it is critical to identify and rectify discriminatory policies, laws, regulations, and practices that limit opportunity for health and well-being. Additionally, the center will [host a webinar](#) on April 5 with policy and clinical care experts to further explore the policy and state legislative landscape and underscore the importance of gender-affirming care. [Read More](#)

New AAMC Research and Action Institute issue brief explores value-based care

The [AAMC Research and Action Institute](#) has published a new issue brief, *What's the Value In Value-Based Care?*, which assesses which large-scale value-based care (VBC) models have worked so far, what gaps exist in the current portfolio, and what opportunities exist to build on VBC's promise of better care at a lower cost. The paper also summarizes the federal government's net savings and losses for the VBC models discussed. The authors find that some VBC models have achieved net savings, while others have resulted in relatively modest net spending — which may be a reasonable investment in quality improvement. [Read More](#)

New AAMC, Vizient publication outlines strategies for optimizing telehealth

The COVID-19 pandemic transformed care delivery with telehealth becoming a fundamental tool for health systems and providers to meet access challenges. In a new report, the AAMC and Vizient sought insights from telehealth and primary care leaders, physicians, and staff in health systems with varying levels of telehealth usage in primary care to understand effective strategies to sustain and optimize its use. Effective strategies outlined in this report can be utilized by health systems and primary care leaders working

to expand and further leverage telehealth within their primary care services. [Read More](#)

New paper highlights work of AAMC program to address health misinformation

A [new paper](#) co-edited by the AAMC includes a collection of essays by subgrant recipients of the [AAMC Health Professions Education Curricular Innovations Grant Program: Kickstarting Strategies for Addressing Health Misinformation](#). The paper comprises insights from each of the subgrant recipient teams and observations regarding the challenges and opportunities with leveraging health professions education to address medical misinformation and improve patient health. [Read More](#)

Resource guide to help campus leaders make the case for academic freedom and institutional autonomy

Efforts by elected officials to restrict what is taught and discussed on campuses, including curricula and training related to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), hold the potential to supersede medical and educational expertise in medical education. In light of this troubling trend affecting higher education institutions broadly, the American Council on Education (ACE) and PEN America have collaborated on a resource guide for campus leaders, *Making the Case for Academic Freedom and Institutional Autonomy in a Challenging Political Environment*. Please contact [Danielle Turnipseed](#), AAMC chief public policy officer, with any questions regarding these resources. [Read More](#)

New AAMC study examines the evolution of the chief medical officer role in academic medicine

A new study published in the [Journal of Healthcare Management](#) and authored by the AAMC examines the expansion and evolution of the chief medical officer (CMO) role amidst a changing health care environment. The study findings indicate that the CMO role now oversees more hospitals on average, has greater system-level visibility, and has greater female representation compared to 15 years prior. Findings also highlight that the CMO position is integral in achieving the quadripartite mission of academic medicine. The study utilized survey data from surveys fielded to clinical leaders in AAMC-member hospitals and health systems in 2005, 2016, and 2020. [Read More](#)

New report from Aspen Health Strategy Group examines strategies to protect patient privacy

A new report from the Aspen Health Strategy Group, *Protecting Health Data Privacy and Improving Patient Care*, offers five big ideas for protecting health data privacy and improving patient care. Strategies include: Congress should update federal health data privacy laws, health data privacy laws should reflect social norms, all entities that hold health data should have clear policies, health sector leaders should advance a new covenant of health data use and consumer participation in health data privacy practices

should become the norm. Background papers provide a fuller context for these ideas. David J. Skorton, MD, AAMC president and CEO, is a member of the Aspen Health Strategy Group. [Read More](#)

February Policy and Regulatory Roundup

The [Policy and Regulatory Roundup](#) features a brief overview of our latest work from the previous month and includes staff contact information if you have questions or comments. For more policy and regulatory updates please [visit this page](#).

Public and Population Health in U.S. Medical Education: A Review of Guidance in Extraordinary Times

To assess the state of public and population health content in medical education, the authors reviewed relevant guidance, including policies, standards, and recommendations from national bodies that represent and oversee medical education for physicians with MD degrees.

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Recommended Reading & Listening

Article highlights community-engaged, collaborative process of producing the Principles of Trustworthiness

A new article published in *Frontiers in Public Health* outlines the partnership model developed by AAMC Center for Health Justice and [AAMC CHARGE](#) to create the [Principles of Trustworthiness Toolkit](#). A nationwide team of researchers remotely filmed more than 30 interviews with racially and ethnically diverse community members during the summer of 2020 to learn about the lived experiences of diverse community members across the United States. The team also outlined their methods for conducting the interviews and engaging participants meaningfully in the toolkit development while maintaining COVID-19 safety. [Read More](#)

AAMCNews: Out of the shadows: Physicians share their mental health struggles

Doctors face high rates of mental health challenges, but they often hide their stories due to shame and fear of professional fallout. Four physicians reveal their journeys in the hopes of reducing stigma and inspiring others to seek care. [Read More](#)

AAMCNews: Doctors and hospitals can help prevent gun deaths. Here's how

Nearly 50,000 people died from gun violence in 2021. Two experts describe how academic medicine can step up research, education, and advocacy that help save lives.

[Read More](#)

AAMCNews: Will chatbots help or hamper medical education? Here is what humans (and chatbots) say

New artificial intelligence tools can write application essays, do homework, take tests, and summarize research. Medical schools grapple with how to integrate chatbots. [Read More](#)

AAMCNews: Celebrating 10 women medical pioneers

As the nation celebrates Women's History Month, *AAMCNews* revisits the incredible stories of inspiring women in medicine. These pioneers endured poverty, deep-seated stereotypes, and discrimination and went on to build hospitals, win a Nobel Prize, lead a medical school, and dramatically improve the health of millions. [Listen Here](#)

Welcome New Members

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