

May 2025

GIR News and Business

GIR-ing Up for the Future

Join us May 28-30 in Minneapolis for the [2025 Information Technology in Academic Medicine Conference](#), hosted by the AAMC Group on Information Resources (GIR). This year's theme, "GIR-ing Up for the Future," sets the stage for a dynamic, collaborative experience where technology and data leaders come together to drive innovation in patient care, medical education, and research.



What to Expect:

- Thought-provoking plenaries from industry and academic leaders
- Interactive peer-led sessions covering the latest advancements in IT and data
- Leadership development and networking opportunities to connect with your community
- Specialized conference tracks in clinical assessments, data, education technology, IT operations, leadership, and research technology

Data Symposium - May 28th

[Join us on May 28 in Minneapolis for the inaugural 2025 Data Symposium: Designing the Future](#), hosted by MedBiquitous and held the day before the Information

Technology in Academic Medicine Conference, hosted by the AAMC Group on Information Resources (GIR). This one-day, in-depth symposium is designed for leaders, technology and data professionals looking to expand their expertise in utilizing data standards to enable precision education, implementing educational technology for competency-based education, and engaging with industry partners to drive data-driven decision-making within academic medicine.

Why Attend?

- Expert-led discussions on building data culture and capacity for AI
 - Interactive workshops and hands-on sessions focused on foundational competencies and precision education
 - Networking opportunities with peers and leaders in AI, educational technology, data standards, and more
 - Actionable insights to improve data strategy and implementation of innovative technology in health professions education
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GIR Mentorship Circle Program - Coming Soon

Beginning later this summer, the GIR is launching its inaugural Mentorship Circle Program. Instead of the traditional 1-on-1 arrangement, mentorship circles pair 2 mentors with 5-7 mentees. Through this year-long experience, participants will be connected with valuable professional development resources, and also garner advice and share best practices within their Mentorship Circle. By engaging in this unique networking opportunity, mentors and mentees alike will build meaningful professional connections across the GIR community that can continue to serve them well beyond the program's one-year commitment. Applications for both mentors and mentees will be open later in May. An announcement will be sent to all GIR members. Please consider participating.

IT Operations - 2025 GIR Quarterly Calls

These moderated calls are meant to facilitate peer discussions around issues relevant to this audience and encourage knowledge sharing, engagement, collaborative thinking, networking, and the sharing of promising practices. Join the conversation, and feel free to invite colleagues who may be interested in participating! The next IT Operations call is scheduled for [July 17, 2025 1:00 pm ET](#)

Future Calls: [October 23, 2025 1:00 pm ET Save the Date](#)

Save the Date: Leading Information Technology (LIT) in Academic Medicine

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting the LIT program again in 2025!

Save the dates: October 15-17 at the AAMC offices in Washington, DC. More information will be sent in early summer.

Join Our Virtual Communities!

We are excited to announce the launch of dedicated group space in the [AAMC Virtual Communities Network](#), your new hub for collaboration and communication with colleagues in the GIR Work Groups. This platform will replace the GIR Work Group listserv(s) you have previously used to receive monthly agendas and share other resources, and offers an enhanced space to engage, share ideas, and stay connected. All current Work Group members with an AAMC Virtual Communities Network account have already been moved to the appropriate communities. Moving forward, we plan to use these new communities to communicate directly with Work Group members. Work Group members without an account are encouraged to [create an account here](#) and request access to corresponding community(ies):

- Data-Driven Academic Medical Center Work Group
- Diversity and Inclusion Work Group
- Education Technology Work Group
- Research Technology Work Group

In addition to the Work Group hubs, GIR members are also engaged in the *Information Technology (IT) in Academic Medicine Community* which is open to all GIR members; members gain access to a library, which contains resources such as presentations, videos, webinars, articles, and more. Recent posts to the *IT in Academic Medicine Community* include discussions around AI for thematic survey analysis and tools/platforms for tracking EPA-type WBA activities.

To request an account to join any of these communities, please [request one here](#) and note that you would like to join your Work Group(s) and/or the IT in Academic Medicine community.

Join a GIR Work Group

Work Groups exist to implement the strategic initiatives and actions of the GIR. Participation in a Work Group will help professionals within academic medicine grow and learn in their professional roles and develop their leadership capacities. Work Group members actively participate in hour-long monthly conference calls and may be asked to join project teams or contribute knowledge in between calls. Current GIR Work Groups:

- Diversity and Inclusion (GIRDI)
- Education Technology (ETWG)
- Research Technology (RTWG)
- Data-Driven Academic Medical Centers (DDAMC)

More information on GIR Work Groups is [available here](#), and if you are interested in joining a Work Group, please contact gir@aamc.org.

Recording Now Available: Data-Driven Academic Medical Centers (DDAMC)

Work Group

The April DDAMC Work Group call featured a presentation on Revamping the Automation/Workflows of our Data Request Process by Michael Villarreal, MS, Business Analyst II, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine. We invite you to watch the recording, review the presentation and additional resources shared during the presentation: [AAMC's Data Driven Academic Medical Centers \(DDAMC\) Call, 4.15.2025 on Vimeo](#).

If you're interested in joining the DDAMC or would like more information, please contact Natalie Floyd at nfloyd@aamc.org.

2024 GIR Medical School IT Survey

The 2024 data file of the GIR IT survey was released in late March to contacts at participating schools. 113 schools in the US and Canada submitted data to this year's survey. The data file includes three years of information. This year's survey included questions on IT leadership organization, reporting structures, strategic plans, budget, staffing, and the provision of IT services. Also, this year, a new section was added to the survey on AI use, policies and areas of focus. The data file is available to anyone at participating schools. To request a copy of the file, please email girsurvey@aamc.org.

Staffing Update

We are pleased to welcome Michelle Weston to our team in support of the GBA and GIR. She has been with the AAMC for 5 years, beginning in October 2019 as a Meeting Coordinator. She transitioned to the CEU as an Administrative Specialist in May 2022 supporting GFA, GDI, GRA and COF. She is now excited to support the initiatives and interests of GBA and GIR.

AAMC News

AAMC statement on the House consideration of Senate-amended budget resolution

AAMC President and CEO David J. Skorton, MD, and Chief Public Policy Officer Danielle Turnipseed, JD, MHSA, MPP, issued a statement prior to the U.S. House of Representatives' consideration of the Senate-amended budget resolution. "As the House considers the amended fiscal year 2025 budget resolution passed by the Senate last week, we once again urge lawmakers to protect access to care for millions of hard-working Americans by rejecting policies that could lead to significant cuts to the Medicaid program and limit access to student financial aid for aspiring physicians." This follows an [AAMC statement](#) issued last week on the budget resolution prior to the Senate vote.

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National organizations announce joint effort to develop a new indirect

costs funding model

The AAMC joined nine other national organizations representing America's academic, medical, and independent research institutions, along with other relevant experts, to spur the development of a more efficient and transparent model for funding indirect costs on federal research grants. The initiative's goal is to submit to the federal government a new model, developed with full engagement of the research community.

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AAMC statement on the Senate budget resolution

AAMC Chief Public Policy Officer Danielle Turnipseed, JD, MHSA, MPP, issued a statement on the budget resolution set for consideration by the U.S. Senate. "As the Senate considers its fiscal year 2025 budget resolution, we urge lawmakers to safeguard and ensure access to care for millions of hardworking Americans by rejecting policies that could result in substantial reductions in federal health care programs and restrict access to federal student financial aid for the next generation of physicians."

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AAMC statement on mass layoffs at the Department of Health and Human Services

AAMC President and CEO David J. Skorton, MD, issued a statement on the commencement of layoffs and reorganization at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). "The work that the Department of Health and Human Services carries out each day touches the lives of every American. As part of the HHS reorganization, critical leaders were laid off, reassigned, or placed on administrative leave. These actions are likely to slow scientific advancement and negatively impact the health and well-being of the American people."

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AAMC awarded grant to build consensus around integrated behavioral health models

As part of its continued efforts to [improve access to mental and behavioral health care](#), the AAMC has received funding from the Doris Duke Foundation-led Collective to Strengthen Pathways for Health Research to advance integrated behavioral health (IBH) care. This funding will support efforts to galvanize innovative IBH models within academic health systems, ultimately aiming to improve health outcomes for all patient populations. The AAMC will convene health leaders to identify success factors, amplify promising practices, and foster a national conversation dedicated to whole-person care, with a summary of the proceedings and key takeaways available in Fall 2025.

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AAMC-Supported Recommendation Urges Funding for VA Research

The Friends of VA Medical Care and Health Research coalition, for which the AAMC serves on the executive committee, urged Congress this week to provide increased funding for research, infrastructure, and information technology at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More than 50 organizations across the VA research community recommended at least \$1.2 billion in funding for the VA's Medical and Prosthetic Research Program (PDF), at least \$100 million for major and minor construction, and at least \$25 million for the VA's Office of Information and Technology. "With continued investment," the recommendation noted, "VA can remain at the forefront of medical research, delivering breakthroughs that improve veterans' lives and strengthen America's global leadership in research and development."

Information: [Andrew Herrin](#), AAMC Government Relations.

AAMC Joins Research Organizations in Support of ARPA-H Funding

The AAMC joined an April 23 letter (PDF) urging Congress to provide at least \$1.7 billion, to be available through fiscal year 2028, for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H). The letter, signed by over 70 organizations, noted, "Continued congressional support for ARPA-H is crucial to ensure that the investments made by ARPA-H can achieve their full potential and deliver medical breakthroughs."

Information: [Andrew Herrin](#), AAMC Government Relations.

AAMC Joins Amicus Brief Urging Court to Preserve Medicaid Funding Sources

The AAMC on April 21 joined America's Essential Hospitals, the Children's Hospital Association, and the North Carolina Healthcare Association to [file an amicus brief \(PDF\)](#) in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit urging the court to preserve states' ability to fund their nonfederal share of their Medicaid programs through public funds transferred by local governments, known as intergovernmental transfers (IGTs).

Information: [Gayle Lee](#); AAMC Health Care Affairs.

AAMC statement on amicus brief filed in NIH grants termination lawsuit
AAMC President and CEO David J. Skorton, MD, issued a statement regarding an amicus brief filed by the AAMC in the case of *Massachusetts et al. v. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., et al.* "The AAMC submitted an amicus brief in this case to underscore the real-world consequences of unlawful terminations of National Institutes of Health (NIH) research grants without warning or meaningful explanation. Across the country, the impact grows each day as promising research is halted, patients in clinical trials face

the discontinuation of care, researchers lose their jobs, and graduate students have their admissions offers rescinded."

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AAMCNews: How uncertainty around cuts to scientific research is impacting the future biomedical research workforce

Researchers worry that rescinded offers and smaller PhD cohorts could have long-term implications for the biomedical sciences.

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Learning Opportunities

Register for the "How to Get Started with Faculty Development on Artificial Intelligence" Webinar

Curious how to successfully plan and lead AI-focused faculty development in medical education? On May 22, 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET, join facilitators from the AAMC Group on Education Affairs (GEA) as they share key insights from their own experience. You'll leave with practical strategies, actionable tips, and opportunities to connect with upcoming GEA-hosted virtual events.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Register for June IPEC Institute for faculty development

The Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC), of which the AAMC is a member, will host a virtual faculty development institute on June 4-6. The program, "Interprofessional Education: Building a Framework for Collaboration," will focus on interprofessional education for collaborative practice (IPECP). Faculty, educators, program directors, and students are invited to join and engage with national leaders to develop the foundational skills for IPECP. The program will include dedicated time for planning, designing, assessing, and communicating IPECP projects and goals.

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Register now: New CBME assessment course for undergraduate medical education faculty

Join national experts for *Developing Faculty Skills in Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME)* – a highly interactive course designed for undergraduate medical education (UME) faculty. Participants will explore core CBME principles, dive into assessment methods, and learn how to build effective, competency-based programs aligned with the new [Foundational Competencies for UME](#), developed in collaboration with the AAMC, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, and the

American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine. The in-person course will be held in Chicago [in July and September/December](#).
[Register Now](#)

Save the Date - GBA Principal Business Officers' Meeting

September 17-19, 2025

Milwaukee, WI



*Registration to open in summer 2025

Recruitment Open for the Emergency Preparedness & Business Continuity Planning Work Group

The AAMC's [Group on Institutional Planning](#) (GIP) recognizes the importance of emergency preparedness, organizational resiliency, and business continuity planning at academic medical centers. To this end, the GIP has formed a work group that meets monthly to discuss topical issues, share resources & challenges, and plans to develop a toolkit. This work group is open to any constituent who works at an AAMC member institution, and we encourage colleagues in all roles and from different mission areas to participate. [Sign up now](#).

Questions? Contact gip@aamc.org

Publications & Resources

New AAMC resources on artificial intelligence for medical school and residency admissions and selection

Utilizing the AAMC's Principles for Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Medical School and Residency Selection, the AAMC - together with its [AI in Admissions and Selection Technical Advisory Committee](#) - has developed a collection of resources designed to support medical schools and residency and fellowship programs in effectively understanding and integrating AI into their selection processes. The AAMC

developed these resources to assist schools and programs in leveraging AI capabilities and determining the readiness of their institution, evaluate possible vendors, and understand AI terms and definitions.

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AAMC and Vizient data snapshot on patient portal communication and eVisits

The AAMC and Vizient have published a data snapshot summarizing survey results from health systems on how they are implementing and managing patient portal communications and eVisits. The COVID-19 pandemic dramatically transformed the health care delivery system, increasing use of the electronic health record and patient portal. While electronic communication may offer patients an alternative to face-to-face and telehealth visits, there are key considerations for health systems and providers implementing these tools. This snapshot includes an overview of the types of services offered in the patient portal, approaches to provider workflows and billing, and strategies for ongoing improvement of these tools. The findings were also highlighted in [Becker's Hospital Review](#).

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New AAMC resource collection on advancing AI in academic medicine

The AAMC has posted a new peer-reviewed collection on artificial intelligence (AI). The collection includes timely, freely accessible tools from across academic medicine to help medical schools, academic health systems, and teaching hospitals effectively integrate AI into their educational environments. The resources are intended to address the immediate need to share practical resources and will be updated periodically through future calls for submissions.

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2024 AAMC Research Administrative Staffing Survey

The 2024 AAMC Research Administrative Staffing Survey was designed to collect information to support U.S. medical schools in their efforts to attract, recruit, and retain research administrative staff, particularly those in Pre-Award, Post-Award, and Research Administrator Roles. The interactive survey tool can provide useful benchmarking data on a variety of topics including organizational placement, years of experience, median and average compensation, and core job responsibilities.

The tool is available for download at the following link. Sign-in is required. [You may access the resource here](#).

Recommended Reading

AAMCNews: A brief timeline of women in medicine

As Women's History Month draws to a close, here are highlights of some of the landmark moments, dramatic efforts, and brave pioneers that together tell the story of women in medicine in the United States.

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Using Generative Artificial Intelligence When Writing Letters of Recommendation

The authors provide an approachable framework for the ethical use of generative AI to assist with writing letters of recommendation in academic medicine. Using this framework, letter writers can reduce their writing steps and time while maintaining their style, tone, and desired level of candidate recommendation.

Juliana Coraor Fried, PhD, Natasha R. Johnson, MD, Andrea Pelletier, MS, MPH, Adam Landman, MD, and Deborah Bartz, MD, MPH

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Integrating Generative Artificial Intelligence Into Medical Education: Curriculum, Policy, and Governance Strategies

Triola, Marc M.; Rodman, Adam

Academic Medicine. 100(4):413-418, April 2025. *Marc is a GIR member

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Electronic Flashcards in Health Professions Education: A Scoping Review

Barrison, Philip D.; Balczewski, Emily A.; Capellari, Emily; Landis-Lewis, Zach; Vinson, Alexandra H.

Academic Medicine. 100(4):497-506, April 2025.

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Association Between Electronic Health Record Use Metrics and Clinical Performance in an Outpatient Primary Care Resident Clinic

Understanding electronic health record (EHR) use could augment existing resident assessment strategies by offering unique insight into trainee digital workflow. This Research Report demonstrated that EHR use metrics are associated with clinical performance for internal medicine residents in an ambulatory primary care clinic.

Katherine M. Jennings, Michelle I. Knopp, MD, Benjamin Kinnear, MD, MEd, Eric J. Warm, MD, Margaret V. Powers-Fletcher, PhD, Sally A. Santen, MD, PhD, and Daniel P. Schauer, MD, MSc

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Welcome New Members

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