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Subject: Progress on the Evolution of AAMC Affinity Groups



Dear Colleagues,

As we approach the end of the calendar year, I am pleased to provide you with a brief progress update on the evolution of AAMC affinity groups.

We recently held three listening sessions with steering committee leaders across our current groups. My AAMC colleagues and I presented a review of the plans and rationale for a new affinity group structure, shared what we've been hearing from constituents, and engaged in a robust question and answer session with attendees. We are grateful to the nearly 150 participants who joined those listening sessions to represent the interests, questions, and feedback of their representative groups.

Additionally, we are committed to updating [this resource page](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) with additional information and details as they become available. You will note that we have clarified the names and descriptions of some new affinity groups based on your feedback.

In early 2026, you can expect to hear more from the AAMC about plans for affinity group governance (including steering committee structure), leadership recognition, and operations. Many of your groups have 2026 spring meetings planned, and those registrations will open in the coming weeks. I encourage you to attend those meetings, network and learn together, and celebrate the past while looking ahead to the future.

Thank you again for your continued feedback and candor as we walk through this transition together.

Wishing you a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,
Jennifer M. Schlener
AAMC Chief of Staff