

# 2020/2021 SOM Student Advocacy and Educational Clubs

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## **American Medical Student Association (AMSA)**

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The American Medical Student Association (AMSA) is the world's largest independent student run organization. AMSA is committed to improving health care and its delivery to all people by hosting speaker events; promoting active improvement in medical education by providing research and conference opportunities; involving its members in the social, moral, and ethical obligations of the medical profession by advocating for underserved communities; assisting in the improvement and understanding of world health problems; contributing to the welfare of medical students by focusing on wellness; and advancing the profession of medicine by encouraging national leadership programs.

## **American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)**

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The mission of the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) is to improve the personal and professional well-being of its members and to increase the influence of women in all aspects of the medical profession. AMWA strives to accomplish these goals by offering personal support for members through networking, action on health issues, and providing information on career options and development. We offer the Women's Health elective to enhance awareness of women's issues. Our community service committee coordinates volunteer activities to allow AMWA members to develop closer bonds with each other as well as with the community. We also coordinate a week of events to both empower women and raise awareness about violence against women. We would like to encourage all medical students, regardless of gender, to join AMWA, as women's issues affect us all.

## **Arts in Medicine**

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The mission of the Arts in Medicine organization is to provide opportunities for students and faculties at HMSOM to learn to incorporate arts into health-related practices and setting in a fun interactive manner. Arts from any disciplines are welcomed such as dance, music, drawing, and illustrations. Everybody is encouraged to participate because there is an artist inside all of us.

### **Asian Pacific American Medical Students Association (APAMSA)**

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The Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA) is a national organization of medical and pre-medical students committed to addressing the unique health challenges of Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) communities. APAMSA serves as a forum for student leaders to engage these health issues and develop initiatives and projects addressing those needs. The local, regional, and national activities of APAMSA aim to promote the health of the APIA community and help healthcare workers understand how to care for APIA patients in a culturally sensitive manner. Finally, APAMSA provides an important venue for medical students to meet, exchange experiences, and develop personally and professionally through leadership and service.

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The purpose of this group is to educate medical students in regard to personal finance/financial literacy, entrepreneurship, healthcare (policy, etc.), practice management and other business topics that are relevant to the field of Medicine. It is important for medical students to be financially literate and develop a basic understanding of personal finance early in their careers. Empowering medical students with this knowledge will allow them to develop into leaders in their fields, advocate for patients and directly impact healthcare in a positive manner.

## **Chef MD**

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Chef MD aims to promote culinary medicine, encouraging the use of food as a tool to improve health amongst both the student body and the greater community. We plan to hold interactive cooking and nutrition classes for fellow students at local pantries. We will create curricula with recipes that are customizable to the tasks and budget of families in the local community. We will also incorporate a food-related club.

## **Engineering in Medicine**

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The purpose of this group is to promote the discussion of multi-disciplinary biomedical topics and educate students on the importance of innovation in the field of medicine. Empowering medical doctors will allow them to bridge the gap between engineers and medicine by combining engineering principles with medical science for the sole purpose of advancing healthcare. Prominent applications include development of imaging equipment, biomaterials, bioinformatics, and tissue engineering.

## **Evolutionary Medicine Interest Group**

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The goal of the Evolutionary Medicine Interest Group is to educate the SOM on this relatively new field that recognizes that evolutionary/Darwinian processes have shaped (and continue to shape) health among contemporary human populations. The field of Evolutionary Medicine emphasizes ultimate explanations, such as how natural selection and other evolutionary forces shape our susceptibility to disease. This perspective complements fields that are focused on understanding the proximate or immediate mechanisms that give rise to disease. Most if not at all specialty areas in medicine may benefit from the close analysis of disease processes using an evolutionary medicine lens. This perspective may also inspire the use of novel treatment and create productive research questions. Through this organization, our aims are to: Develop an understanding of the current research in the field of evolutionary medicine by applying it to our questions of health and disease Integrate proximate and ultimate models of causality in explanations of disease Improve the ability of students to search current research literature to find publications in evolution and medicine Improve the ability of the SOM to make convincing and articulate oral/written arguments that relate disease and evolutionary thinking Address the broader implications (in terms of personal choices, practicing medicine, and public policy) of an evolutionary approach Support medical students and affiliates of the SOM in the application of evolutionary medicine to their clinical practice.

## **HMSOMmeliers**

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The HMSOMmeliers group was created to encourage students to enjoy the company of their classmates while learning to appreciate wine. This educational and informative group will host events led by Dr. Boscamp, exploring the different wine regions throughout the world and their unique varieties.

## **HRAM**

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The Harm Reduction & Addiction Medicine (HRAM) student group is committed to education and advocacy. In terms of education, we aim to

increase student exposure to harm reduction principles and contextualize addiction management as part of standard medical care. We will organize events to help students integrate harm reduction within their future practices. In terms of advocacy, we will fight to dismantle stigma around drug use and advocate for the health and dignity of people who use drugs. We will partner with community organizations and work to replace systems that exacerbate harms with systems that promote wellbeing.

### **IHS Bioethics**

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The Interprofessional Bioethics Club is a multidisciplinary health sciences club that provides students an opportunity to explore topics in the ever-changing field of bioethics. The group will serve as a platform to foster interprofessional relationships among students studying to become future physicians, physician assistants, nurses, physical therapists, and health systems administrators. In order to explore real-life, challenging ethical dilemmas in the medical setting, the group will discuss cases, attend hospital-based ethics Grand Rounds, and organize informal debates focused on different bioethical topics. Students of diverse backgrounds and opinions are encouraged to join in the discussions. The aim is to provide a safe, non-judgmental learning environment where students can practice thinking about and discussing different ethical, moral, and cultural components to situations that they may encounter one day.

### **Jewish Medical Student Association (JMSA)**

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As a religious minority, JMSA hopes to establish a sense of community for Jewish students, as well as share the Jewish culture with non-Jewish students. This will allow us to optimize patient care as future physicians.

### **Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA)**

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The Mission of LMSA at Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine is to improve the health and mental well-being of the Latino population and the rest of the diverse community in New Jersey through the education of future clinicians.

### **Medical Student Pride Alliance (MSPA)**

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The Medical Student Pride Alliance (MSPA) at Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine is an activist and social organization committed to empowering sexual and gender minority medical students and allies, increasing the number of physicians trained in LGBTQ-inclusive healthcare, and addressing the unique needs of LGBTQ+ communities through research, advocacy, and service. We are an official chapter of the national organization of MSPA.

### **Muslim Medical Student Association (MMSA)**

Student Leaders:

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The Muslim Medical Student Association strives to foster an inclusive environment through a system of spiritual support, social involvement, educational opportunities and advocacy for students at the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine. The MMSA seeks to engage with the larger HMMH community and examine issues concerning the practice of medicine as it pertains to the Muslim identity and culture. The MMSA aims to maintain a regular educational lecture series, service activities and facilitate affinity mentorship

### **Running Club (MedRC)**

Student Leaders:

Faculty Advisor:

Improve wellness through running! MedRC is for runners of all abilities and provides personalized training plans, weekly mapped-out group runs, and trail running excursions. The goals of the club are to represent the school in a charity 5k and build a supportive community through post-run social events, pre-race pasta dinners and the environment of the outdoors.

### **SOMLifts**

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The goal of SOMLifts is to promote and educate its members on healthy, evidence-based weightlifting habits. We encourage lifters from every level: from the casual gym-goer to the competitive lifter. We hope to educate our members on the different lifting styles, such as Olympic weightlifting, powerlifting, strongman, CrossFit and bodybuilding, and to provide insight into a personalized routine that fits their fitness goals. SOMLifts hopes to host lifting sessions between its members and physicians, in order to promote health and networking opportunities with professionals that have a common interest in fitness. Lastly, we hope to host volunteer events for our members through fitness related community outreach.

### **South Asian Medical Outreach Student Association (SAMOSA)**

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The purpose of the South Asian Medical Outreach Student Association is to address local and global medical concerns unique to the South Asian community; to promote fraternity and fellowship among students who identify with South Asian culture; to educate and celebrate the culture and traditions of South Asian Heritage including different religions, geographic regions; to understand the benefits and challenges that affect social and behavioral determinants of health in the South Asian population; to encourage discussion and awareness of the political climate and current news relevant to the South Asian countries; and to learn from South Asian role models in the Medical Community to acknowledge the special end-of-life preferences that are common to this population.

## **Students with Disabilities and Chronic Illness**

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To provide a space of support and resources for students with disabilities and chronic illness across the HMSOM and HIS campus as a whole. Also to provide a sense of community for these students and help them navigate their education and start of their medical career.

## **Student National Medical Association (SNMA)**

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The Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine chapter of the Student National Medical Association is committed to developing well-rounded, culturally competent physicians of tomorrow. We focus on providing support for underrepresented minority medical students, and we're committed to giving all students access to educational resources on - and opportunity for outreach within - underserved communities. Our chapter enjoys the full support of HMSOM, whose core mission includes learning and service through engagement of underrepresented populations among students, faculty, staff, and community. We're committed to removing all barriers to success for minorities in medicine, and we welcome all those who aspire to be positive influences of change within underserved populations.

## **2020/2021 SOM Student Specialty Interest Groups**

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### **American College of OBGYN (ACOG) Student Chapter**

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The American College of OBGYN Interest Group is focused on the very exciting opportunities offered within the field of obstetrics and gynecology. Working with and learning from Dr. Parisi, who leads the OBGYN clerkship, students will get unique

exposures to the field in its entirety ranging from clinical practice to women's health advocacy. Monthly meetings will focus on becoming familiar with the process of becoming an OBGYN, OBGYN procedures, working in the SIM lab, and community service projects. ACOG Interest Group's meetings welcome all HMSOM students with different backgrounds and interests.

## **Anesthesia**

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To foster professional growth and career development of members of Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine who are interested in the field of Anesthesiology. Our focus is to work closely with the Department of Anesthesiology in the HMH network and to provide students an opportunity to learn about the field and take part in conferences, research, mentoring, and shadowing. We aim to provide students with the information and tools to match into residency through the various events and opportunities that the group will organize.

## **Cancer and Oncology**

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The purpose of this organization is multifaceted. We try to expose those interested in the field of oncology using our connection to the John Theurer Cancer Center, we provide our members with avenues to connect with the JTCC physicians for opportunities in shadowing and research projects. Additionally, we bring speakers to

our meetings; doctors in the field that can share insight into their respective paths into medicine and cancer.

## **Cardiology**

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The purpose of the Cardiology Interest Group is to provide students interested in cardiology opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of the specialty. We will organize events to help educate students about the strengths and challenges of the specialty, opportunities available within cardiology as well as what the path to a career in cardio looks like. We hope to achieve this by hosting events like workshops, panel discussions with fellows and attendings and guest speakers.

## **Emergency Medicine**

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The Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG) aims to provide students who are interested in careers in Emergency Medicine (EM) with opportunities to explore this field further. EMIG offers a variety of resources to enrich the students' medical school education and help better prepare them for careers in EM. These resources include clinical procedures workshops (suturing, intubation, central line placement, etc.), residency Q&A panels with current EM staff and faculty, information about fellowships in EM, and guest speaker events.

## **Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG)**

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The FMIG strives to aid in professional development, cultivate interest in Family Medicine, provide an outlet for serving our community, and promote social activities for our members.

## **Integrative Medicine**

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To raise awareness among our colleagues about IM. We invite speakers with expertise in various integrative modalities and plan activities that will familiarize participants with Integrative approaches to wellbeing such as meditation. Finally, we will provide members with access to learning resources related to IM, such as from the University of Arizona.

## **Internal Medicine**

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The purpose of the Internal Medicine Interest Group is to promote and develop a profound interest in the specialty of Internal Medicine and its subspecialties. This interest group provides students with networking opportunities with the staff of a diverse array of subspecialties under internal medicine, shadowing opportunities with the same diverse staff, and provides panel and lecturing opportunities at the school for students to learn more about and engage in this field. We work closely with our local chapter of the American College of Physicians (ACP) to provide additional educational opportunities and networking.

## **Neurology (SIGN)**

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The Student Interest Group of Neurology (SIGN) is a student-led group that aims to facilitate activities and events with the goal of educating students about the day-to-day clinical practice of neurology, the different subspecialties, various patient populations, research opportunities, and other extra-curricular opportunities. In addition, events are organized for student and physician networking and socializing. We strive to facilitate a group that will encourage the exchanging of diverse ideas and perspectives, develops and hones student passion, and provides students an outlet that supplements their medical studies.

## **Neurosurgery**

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The Neurosurgery Interest Group is an assembly of medical students who aspire to dedicate their careers to this outstanding field. We do so with the utmost respect and honor for both the artistry and craftsmanship of the discipline as well as for the humbling contribution that it must heal. With an appetite for both the clinical and research arenas within this field, we collectively foster one another's interests to cultivate a career driven by both heart and mind.

## **Organ Transplantation**

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The purpose of the Organ Transplantation Organization is to get students early clinical experience and get them into the hospital early, allowing students to engage with

transplant professionals and patients and to be exposed to state-of-the-art transplant procedures.

## **Orthopedic and Sports Medicine**

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The purpose of this organization is to foster professional growth and career development for members of the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine at Seton Hall University who are interested in the fields of Orthopedics and Sports Medicine. We strive to provide students with experiences enabling them to explore these fields through lectures from physicians, workshops, and opportunities to shadow. We hope to develop our members' interest by providing routes to conducting research with clinical faculty and attendance at professional meetings. This club will provide an interactive and engaging look into the specialties of Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, and we look forward to incorporating the ideas of new members.

## **Otolaryngology**

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The purpose of this group is to educate medical students about the field of otolaryngology. The group will sponsor events bringing in speakers to talk to medical students about how to enter this field, as well as events talking about issues in the field, and activities teaching the students about otolaryngology.

## **Pathology**

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The purpose of the Pathology Interest Group is to increase awareness of and interest in the specialty of pathology. The group will encourage discussion between medical students and pathologists through interactive panel discussions, guest speakers, and presentations from practicing pathologist on topics including current events, research, and more. This group will help students explore the specialty's lifestyle and professional culture while also exposing them to clinical knowledge. Students will be made aware of the many diverse career paths within the specialty and explore areas of practice within anatomic pathology and clinical pathology including cytopathology, forensic pathology, and molecular pathology. Furthermore, the group will help students to network with potential mentors. All medical students are welcome, and we look forward to exposing students to the fascinating specialty of pathology!

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The purpose of the Pediatric Interest Group shall be to increase awareness of and interest in general pediatrics, medicine/pediatrics, and subspecialties of pediatrics, as well as to provide service to the pediatric community of New Jersey through education and support. The group will encourage the collaboration of medical students and pediatric physicians to facilitate interactive presentations, panel discussions, workshops and networking events in order to explore the nuances of pediatric subspecialties with regards to clinical practice, professional development, lifestyle and research. The group will also participate in several volunteer activities within the Hackensack Meridian Health network and with local community partners to foster the well-being of children and adolescents. We welcome all medical students to participate in our events.

## **Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation**

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The purpose of this organization shall be to foster professional growth and career development for student body members of the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine (HMSOM) at Seton Hall University who are interested in the field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R). As an overview, this field is typically defined as one that aims to enhance and restore functional ability and quality of life to those with physical impairments or disabilities. Sub-specialties within this field include brain injury medicine, hospice and palliative medicine, neuromuscular medicine, pain medicine, pediatric rehabilitation medicine, spinal cord injury medicine, and sports medicine. The organization aims to educate students about the general practice and sub-specialties of PM&R with meetings with psychiatrists, workshops, and shadowing opportunities throughout the course of the school year. The PM&R Interest Group at HMSOM also aims to promote and advance healthcare for communities by reaching out and organizing volunteer opportunities, community events, and research prospects for the students.

## **Psychiatry**

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The Psychiatry Student Interest Group serves to encourage medical students to explore psychiatry as a potential medical profession as well as a discipline to be applied in all areas of medicine. We are an official chapter of the national organization PsychSIGN, which connects students across the country to peers, psychiatry residents, and practicing psychiatrists from a broad range of subspecialties.

## **Radiology**

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The purpose of the Radiology Interest Group is to inform students of the crucial and evolving practices of medical imaging utilized by physicians in nearly every discipline. We believe that early exposure into the field of Radiology will help students to master

foundations in clinical diagnostics and medical imaging interpretation through on and offsite workshops, lectures, and shadowing opportunities with Hackensack Meridian physicians. We also engage with the Radiology Interest Groups at local medical schools to organize symposiums and networking events. This interest group provides an insightful means of exploring the various career opportunities and sub-specialties of Diagnostic Radiology and Interventional Radiology. Of equal importance is guiding students to identify routes and requirements for residency applications, as well as opportunities for research and attendance at professional conference meetings. We strive to build an interactive and engaging environment for students to pursue their interests and look forward to continually evolving this interest group with new ideas!

## **Surgery**

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The Surgery Interest Group is a student-run interest group which aims to expose HMSOM students to multi-dimensional field of surgery through surgical skills workshop, conferences, research, shadowing, and mentoring opportunities. We aim to work closely with the surgeons in the HMH network to provide opportunities and a platform for all students who are interested in the field of surgery and all its surgical sub-specialties. Additionally, the goal of the organization is to provide opportunities to learn about various surgical specialties and how to best match into these residencies.

## **Urology**

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The Urology Specialty Interest Group is designed to expose and educate medical students to the evolving and diverse field of Urology. Urology is an engaging field where longitudinal patient experience through the expertise of clinical medicine and surgery allows for a multifaceted approach to diseases ranging from quality of life to malignancy. The Urology Specialty Interest Group specifically aims to expose students in Phase 1 to a field that is often underrepresented in the preclinical years of medical education through

lunchtime talks by urology attending and residents, panel-based discussions, and research seminars.

***Inactive:***

*Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Interest Group*

*Gameotherapy*

## 2020/2021 SOM Wellness Clubs

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### **FoodRX**

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Food Rx's mission is to enhance our understanding of how nutrition plays a role in overall health & wellbeing while sharing this knowledge with the community through outreach and education.

### **Parks and Recreation**

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The purpose of this club is to promote physical activity, teamwork, and wellness through sports and various fitness activities. Planned events can include pick-up basketball, dodgeball, two-hand touch football, soccer, kickball, volleyball, rock climbing, kayaking, hiking, swimming, ultimate frisbee, etc. Depending on interest there will also be opportunities to participate in intramural sports at the South Orange campus in

basketball, football, volleyball, dodgeball, field-hockey, and soccer. The club will also host events to watch games whether through the TV or even in person to further promote fellowship. Another focus of the club will be a community outreach aspect with youth from the local area. Participating organizations for youth outreach can include local schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA, etc. We welcome all members of the HMSOM community to join us in promoting physical activity and well-being both on and off campus.

### **Wellness Committee**

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Understanding that mental health and a supportive environment is central to physical health, the mission of the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine Wellness Committee is to promote the wellbeing of students, staff, and faculty by creating an environment that celebrates stories of wellness within the diverse identities of our students and organizations