

Student Organization/Specialty Interest Group 2023	Mission Statement	Student leaders	Faculty/Staff Advisor(s)
Academic Medicine Interest Group	The Academic Medicine Interest Group (AMIG) aims to present academic medicine as a career path to students at Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine (HMSOM). AMIG will act as a bridge between students interested in academic medicine and the school's administration while HMSOM continues to build a unique and first-rate medical education. Members of AMIG will be able to network with and receive career mentorship from academic physicians, explore ongoing education research, and undertake pedagogical opportunities while examining various approaches to medical curricula. Through these opportunities, students will be able to grow a unique skill set as educators and medical education innovators as they pursue their research, service, and clinical endeavors.	Chandler Sparks, Andreja Radevic	Jennifer Zepf, M.D.
American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) Student Chapter	The American College of OBGYN Interest Group is focused on the very exciting opportunities offered within the field of obstetrics and gynecology. 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.	Megan Catalano, Katherine Liu	Sara Bittman, M.D.
American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)	The mission of the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) is to bring together those in medicine and health-related fields to promote women's health and to support members' professional and personal development, 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.	Ruchi Raval, Kelly Mourtzanakis, Charlotte Slavick, Noelle Bessette	Stacey Doumas, M.D.
Anesthesiology Interest Group	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. To coordinate sessions to help students explore and understand the field of anesthesiology, as well as provide opportunities for networking and mentorship.	Harvy Porzuelo, Jeremy Chiang, Andrew Leung	Mark Schlesinger, M.D.
Arts In Medicine	The mission of the Arts in Medicine organization is to explore the multitude of applications for performance, visual, and written art disciplines in medicine and 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 discipline are welcomed such as dance, music, drawing, and illustrations. Everybody is encouraged to participate because there is an artist inside all of us.	Lauren Vu, Jasper Lee, John Marcin, Peter Wynne	Kyle Younger, Ed.D.
Asian Pacific American Medical Student Assoc (APAMSA)	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.	Daniel Choi, Andrew Leung, Amber Chan, Katherine Liu, Eric Zhu	Sarah Timmapuri, M.D.
Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) Chapter.	There are still many challenges women face in surgical fields. In creating this organization, we sought to highlight current issues and their degree of impact. Through conversations, we aim to educate and empower our colleagues to better face these challenges as they build a future in surgical specialties.	Gwendolyn Glatz, Taegn Denning, Hanin Bachir	Dr. Victoriya Staab
Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative Student Clinic (BVMI Student Clinic)	In partnership with Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative, the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine Student Saturday Clinic is a clinical project which aims to provide accessible, quality primary healthcare to low-income or uninsured individuals in Bergen County while also fostering a clinical environment in which future medical practitioners can enhance their clinical skills and patient interaction. As an organization, we strive to ensure patient-centered care and educate medical students on primary/community health systems, promoting student leadership development, and quality educational opportunities in underserved medicine.	Elma chowdhury, Kaitlynn Chaljub	Jeffrey Boscamp, M.D., Kaur, Dr. Gupta, Dr. Martinez, Dr. Isralowitz
Billiards Club	Encourage more students to come to the lounge and play games like pool, ping pong, etc. We will hold competitions throughout the year. Budget money will be reserved for replenishing equipment as well as prizes for the competitions.	Santhosh Donepudi, Edgar Kazarian, Lucas Cloppse	
Black Medical Student Association (BMSA)	The Black Medical Students Association fosters growth and community through diversity, scholarship, and social gathering. This organization offers support to its members through academic mentorship and social networking. Through our monthly meetings, we provide an array of programming that discusses the history of black physicians in the medical field in addition to their contributions, brings awareness to many health disparities within the black community, and encourage conversations on the impact that systemic racism has on public health. We also seek to uplift our school community through service events that specifically target communities of color that are negatively impacted by racial inequities in healthcare. We welcome students of all racial backgrounds and ethnicities to join us in our efforts toward a more diverse and socially conscious student population. This is a community in which we aim to support and encourage each other through public service while also achieving our professional goals.	Sydney Green	Tade Ayeni, M.D.
Business In Medicine (BIM)	The purpose of this group is To foster an environment for HMSOM students to explore the business aspects of medicine, 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.	David Chen, Lauren Valentine	Mukundha Maneyapanda, M.D.
Cardiology Interest Group	The Cardiology Interest Group aims to provide HMSOM students with an informative, engaging environment to learn about the field and clinical practice of cardiology. 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 cardiology looks like. We hope to achieve this by hosting events like workshops, panel discussions with fellows and attendings and guest speakers.	Caitlin Gartley, Allen Fooks, Justin Sadownick (Research Chair)	Louis Teicholz, M.D.
Chef MD	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. 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.	Aliza Leiter, Leigh Plasil	Zhiyong Han, Ph.D.
Cinema for Wellness	Promote wellness in the student body by offering film screenings, snacks, camaraderie in order to boost student morale. We will not pirate any movies. All movies will be streamed through streaming services, purchased, or borrowed from the public library.	Eliza Adam	
Community Medicine Organization	The Community Medicine student organization will organize opportunities for HMSOM students to volunteer at clinically-oriented events within the community. Students at HMSOM begin their clinical skills education during the first weeks of their first academic year - the Community Medicine organization will match students who can utilize/practice these skills with community programs that can leverage them. The organization distinguishes itself from other HMSOM volunteer groups in that it specifically helps organize and recruit students for volunteer opportunities that involve clinically-oriented community engagement. We hope that this symbiotic relationship will benefit HMSOM students as well as the HMH network and their community partners. One year-long opportunity that the organization will organize is assisting K-12 school nurses in completing mandatory health screenings. Through a 2021-2022 CHP project, we have an approved and withstanding relationship with the Clifton Board of Education and can begin recruiting and training HMSOM students to assist in screenings at the beginning of the 2022-2023 academic year. In the future we hope and anticipate that we can involve more local school systems.	Grace Chester, Daniella Kay	Keren Eigen
Dermatology Interest Group	The purpose of the Dermatology Interest Group is to provide students with opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of this specialty through research, mentoring, shadowing, and case studies. We will invite guest speakers to discuss their experiences in the field to further expose students to the specialty's lifestyle and professional culture. We hope to provide students with the resources needed to apply for residency.	Melissa Davide, Michael Povelaitis	Alexis Young, M.D.

Doctors for Disabilities	Our goal at Doctors for Disabilities is two-fold. First, we hope to increase awareness and build compassion for the various disabilities that have a significant impact on a person's quality of life and experiences in healthcare. Second, we aim to inspire and educate the Hackensack Meridian community of the tools and resources available in order to provide those disabled with strategies that would allow them to reach their optimal well-being. Doctors for Disabilities will accomplish these goals through guest-speaker seminars, outreach events, and educational workshops.	Evan Locke, Mason Henrich	
Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG)	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 and beyond. 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 other guest speaker events	Hannah Bashar, John Girardini	Jared Dtkowsy, M.D.
Engineering in Medicine	The purpose of this group is to promote the discussion of multidisciplinary 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.	Sandra Guirguis, Justin Sadownick	Zhiyong Han, Ph.D.
Environmental Health Interest Group (EHIG)	As the Environmental Health Interest Group, we recognize that human health is closely intertwined with that of our environment. Thus, our mission is to identify environmental issues on a local, national, and global scale and act upon them to nurture healthier communities. We aim to hold sessions on sustainable healthcare practices, research opportunities, and policy development. We also plan to advocate for environmental justice and address environmental health hazards, especially where they interact with social disparities and the most vulnerable patient populations. Facing future healthcare means facing climate change, pollution, and more. Our goal is to equip medical students with the arsenal to combat these challenges and become community leaders, patient advocates, and champions of environmental health.	Amanpreet Kaur, Matthew Luebke	Benjamin Kligler, M.D.
Ethics in Medical Technology	Our goal is to host a regular journal club where we discuss papers that explore the ethical implications behind new medical technology as it is released into the market.	Santhosh Koduri	Bryan Pilkington
Family Medicine Interest Group	The Family Medicine Interest Group provides a forum for students interested in the specialty to explore their interests, learn more about becoming a family medicine physician, and network with other students and faculty members. Our group is within the FMIG network, which is organized by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). The FMIG network mission is to develop the family medicine workforce and advance the specialty of family medicine by strengthening current and aspiring medical students to be prepared for and choose to pursue a career in family medicine in the U.S. Our student group contributes to this mission by providing speaker series, workshops, resource sharing, and peer support.	Melika Behrooz, Priya Bhawe, Vanshika Jain	Rosa Mendoza, M.D.
Food RX	The mission of Food Rx is two-fold. First, we want to enhance each member's understanding on how healthy nutritional habits can play a large impact on overall health. Second, we want to bring this knowledge to the community through outreach and education events. This can be done through collaboration with local physicians and patient advocacy groups throughout the HMM system. These events will include creating pamphlets on healthy habits and recipes that can be passed out directly to the community or to physicians to give to their patients.	Jack Noto, Pauline Dimaano, Alexander Cardeiro	Susan Flanzman, M.D.
Gastroenterology Interest Group	The purpose of the Gastroenterology Club at HMSOM is to explore the speciality of Gastroenterology(GI) both from a medical and surgical perspective. By engaging with various professionals within the field students will gain a better understanding of the work these physicians do which will allow them to better chart their own course through medicine. Moreover for students who are more certain GI is for them, interacting with physicians within the field will provide invaluable guidance for becoming a GI doctor. Thus this club will be useful to both those looking to explore the speciality and those looking to further their interest in GI.	Madison Laezzo, Sejal Kapoor, Sidharth Anand	Jeremiah Kurz, M.D.
General Surgery Interest Group	The Surgery Interest Group is a student-run interest group that aims to expose HMSOM students to a multi-dimensional field of surgery through surgical skills workshops, conferences, research, shadowing, and mentoring opportunities. To educate students on the surgeon's lifestyle and to build connections with leaders in all types of surgery. We aim to work closely with the surgeons in the HMM network to provide opportunities and a platform for all students who are interested in the field of surgery and all its surgical subspecialties. Additionally, the goal of the organization is to provide opportunities to learn about various surgical specialties and how to best match into these residencies.	Mason Henrich, Julia Botvinov	Burton Surick, M.D.
Geriatrics and Palliative Care Interest Group	The aim of the Geriatrics and Palliative Care Interest Group is to help students explore these specialties and gain a deeper understanding through panels, guest speakers, and opportunities to connect with physicians in these fields. This interest group is not only useful for those considering pursuing these specialties as possible careers but for any medical student interested in learning about topics such as end-of-life care and the needs of older populations that can give them a unique perspective in any specialty.	Mallory Vollbrecht, Matthew Luebke	Jessica Isreal, M.D.
Harm Reduction & Addiction (HRAM)	Our mission is to mobilize the HMSOM community around harm reduction principles and practices through education initiatives, community partnerships, and advocacy work. We seek to dismantle the stigma around drug use by championing harm reduction and helping students recognize that management of substance use disorder is part of standard medical care.	Rhianna Bhatia, Grace Chester	Murtoza Tameem, M.D.
Health Policy and Advocacy Group	The healthcare landscape in the United States is rapidly changing, in large part due to evolving healthcare systems. The Health Policy and Advocacy Group is a hub organization for students who are interested in the roles government and other regulatory bodies play in our healthcare system and	Sania Ali, Priya Bhawe, Katherine Collamore	
HMSNOW	HMSNOW is a ski and snowboarding club that is aimed at gathering the medical students who like to shred!	Ege Derman, Conrad Weiss	
HMSOM Assemble!	To welcome and encourage students to share their love and interest for Marvel and DC comics and movies. Join us and save the world!	Ashley Biswal, Aaradhana Natarajan	Tyler Sampson, MSW
HMSOM Boards and Beyond	The purpose of HMSOM Boards and Beyond is to welcome and encourage all board game enthusiasts to come together and enjoy many different types of board games as a way to have fun and reduce stress. We aim to do this by creating a relaxing, welcoming atmosphere to try out many different types of games that everyone can have a great time playing.	Daniel Thiemann, Ashley Biswal	
HMSOM Chapter of the Catholic Medical Association	We are an assembly of students who seek an intellectual understanding of faith's intrinsic role in the vocation of medicine. We uphold God and morality in our practice of medicine, respect the sanctity of life and the dignity of every human being, and defend the voice of good conscience that echoes in our interior hearing. All are welcome to attend our Chapter meetings and events. Our discussions are guided by a scholarly insight into Catholic Scripture as we contemplate biomedical ethics and timeless queries that trial the conscience of every person. Faith and trust in God fortify our courage to do what is right of us in the most trying of times, where we yearn to reflect the moral fibers from which our characters are woven and to deliver exceptional patient care in a way that unconditionally respects the sanctity of life and the dignity of every human being	Lauren Vu, John Church, John Marcin, Angelo Cadiente	Michael Giuliano, M.D.
HMSOM Community Council	Our mission is to collaborate with community organizations to host events and fundraisers that will involve students in service-oriented activities to impact the populations supported by our community partners.	Vaughn McEnough, Zachary Cullen	Carmela Rocchetti, M.D. and Michal Divney, LSCW
HMSOM Cuddlers	The purpose of HMSOM Cuddlers is to provide unique volunteer and networking opportunities for students interested in neonatology. This organization will allow students to supplement the visits of parents in the NICU by socializing and comforting the neonates. We also will hold physician panels and case discussions to allow for the exploration of this specialty.	Leigh Plasil	Michael Giuliano, M.D.
HMSOM Golf Society	HMSOM Golf Society is here to promote health and wellness through the timeless game of golf. Our goal is to share the game among our fellow medical students at HMSOM as a means of camaraderie, enjoyment and promotion of a healthy lifestyle. We can't wait to see you out on the course, the driving range or even the mini golf putting green!	David Chen	
HMSOM Homeless Outreach	The HMSOM Homeless Outreach club aims to serve the growing unhoused population in Clifton. We serve the Code Blue warming center which is open on days below 32 degrees throughout the winter. Volunteers will help set up, serve food, do intake paperwork, hand out donations, and provide resources to the men and women who will be utilizing the shelter. Most importantly, we will serve as social support to the men and women living on the streets. Additionally, there are opportunities to go on street outreach rounds with a social worker to talk to the unhoused men and women of Clifton in their places of living. This is a great opportunity to learn about the unique stories and struggles of the local unhoused community. We as volunteers will take these lessons into our future practices as many of us will serve the unhoused population in one way or another as physicians. This is a great chance to continue our education in learning about the social determinants of health and how they impact the lives of marginalized communities.	Enna Alai, Quinn Adams, Hanin Bachir	

HMSOM Language and Cultural Exchange Club	The HSOM Language and Cultural Exchange Club strives to foster a space that promotes language learning and cultural exchange among students at the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine. We aim to achieve this goal through creating multiple language groups that allow students to refine their linguistic abilities among their peers. We hope these groups will provide opportunities for cultural exchange, and allow each of us to become more culturally-competent physicians.	Brian Bartlett, Sania Ali, Aaradhana Natarajan	Mukundha Maneyapanda, M.D.
HMSOM Muslim Student Association (MSA)	The mission of this organization is to fulfill the religious, social, and educational needs of Muslim students at HMSOM & IHS as well as develop a relationship with our local Muslim community, while providing an opportunity for students to build a sense of community. Our goal is to develop a balance of professionalism and muslim identity within our students. We also aim to increase cultural competency towards Muslim patients	Faizan Ahmed, Hanin Bachir, Mir Ali	Marwa Khalil, M.D.
HMSOM Running Club	The goal of the HMSOM Student Running Club is to provide a social and recreational outlet for runners of all abilities. During the stress of medical school, we believe it is incredibly valuable for students to have a community to run with after class. Our club will hold regular group runs with flexible pace and distance standards.	Gabriella Acoury, Priya Bhawe	Alicia Fegghi, MA, Joshua Josephs, M.D.
HMSOM Skywalkers	HMSOM Skywalkers' mission is to allow uninhibited and uncharted exploration of astronomy, mathematics, and astrophysics. We encourage students from all levels to join us as we discuss these topics and their relations to medicine, go stargazing in nearby dark areas, and network with other local astronomical groups. Our goal is to help students not only be inspired when they look inwards into the intricate human body but also when they look outward into the vastness of space.	Miriam Wolter, Nafee Ullah, Ahmed Khan	Jennifer Zepf, D.O.
HMSOM Tennis Club	The HMSOM Tennis Club serves as a healthy outlet for Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine students of all skill levels to learn and foster tennis skills.	Peter Wynne, Eric Zhu, Allen Jin, Kelly Appow	
HMSOMeliars	HMSOMeliars students will have the opportunity to engage with each other and experts to understand more about the rich world of wine, including wine tasting, differentiating types, and the history of wine making. Under the guidance of a knowledgeable advisor, we'll uncork (or unscrew the stelvin), and enjoy while we learn. Cheers!	Mallery Zeima, Matthew Luebke	Jeffery Boscamp, M.D.
HMSOMycoses	Club to learn about helpful fungi/fermentation/fermented food products (bread, kombucha, etc)	Michelle Cinguina, Mai Hatazaki	
Internal Medicine Interest Group	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.	Evan Locke, John Marcin	Jonathan Shammash, M.D.
Interpersonal Violence Awareness Coalition (IVAC) at HMSOM	The mission of the Interpersonal Violence Awareness Coalition (IVAC) at HMSOM is to bring medical students together to promote awareness and education for addressing interpersonal violence as a public health concern. Through student and community engagement, we aim to affect the physician and physician-in-training perspectives in understanding our role in the needs of our community.	Amber Chan, Katherine Liu, Kshitiz Lamba	Miriam Hoffman, M.D.
Jewish Medical Student Association(JMSA)	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.	Mira Blecherman, Mitchell Cardin	Joshua Josephs, M.D.
Latin Dance Club	The Hackensack Meridian Latin Dance seeks to provide opportunities for students to learn/take part in social dances in the multitude of venues around the Nutley area. Latin dancing is a great way for students to get out of their comfort zone, make space for a little exercise, and have fun with their friends! The three specific opportunities we want to make more available for students are lessons, attendance to public social dance nights, and then events for the student body. Through introduction to these dance studios by fellow club members, we can make it less intimidating for students to start dancing and find their own footing. Through funding, we can decrease the cost of lessons for students to learn what they need to start dancing. And through organization, we can make it easier for students to attend these dances via carpooling or forming events at these venues that are open for all students to attend and have fun	Lauren Vu, Paul Kinard	
Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA)	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. LMSA at Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine will be a major contributor to the advancement of Latino and minority health in the surrounding community.	Kaitlynn Chaljub	Rosa Mendoza, M.D.
MD Basketball	The purpose of HMSOM Boards and Beyond is to welcome and encourage all board game enthusiasts to come together and enjoy many different types of board games as a way to have fun and reduce stress. We aim to do this by creating a relaxing, welcoming atmosphere to try out many different types of games that everyone can have a great time playing.	Ahmad Abid	
Med-Peds Student Interest Group	The mission of the Med-Peds student interest group is to provide interested HMSOM students with exposure to the field of Med Peds through connections with residents and physicians, practical experiences, and educational opportunities in collaboration with regional Med Peds programs. We strive to create a strong community that allows students to explore the unique perspective and opportunities provided by a dual certification in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics.	Priya Bhawe, Caitlin Gartley	Harinder Bawa, M.D.
Medical Society of New Jersey (MSNJ)	Founded in 1766, the Medical Society of New Jersey is the oldest professional society in the United States. Our mission is to promote the betterment of the public health and the science and the art of medicine, to enlighten public opinion in regard to the problems of medicine, and to safeguard the rights of the practitioners of medicine. We are a group of New Jersey medical students looking to make a difference - to shape our future within medicine as future physicians, to advocate for our patients in a more substantive way, and to influence policy decisions on a state and national level. In the past, we have held policy summits, education workshops, advocacy days in Trenton, partnered with community organizations, and led COVID Relief Efforts.	President: Kelly Mourtzanakis, Vice-President: Ruchd Raval, Secretary: Sruti Mukherjee	
Medical Student Pride Alliance (MSPA)	Mission Statement: The Medical Student Pride Alliance (MSPA) 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.	Hannah Bashar, Brian Bartlett, Aaradhana Natarajan	Patrice Hassoun, M.D., Florian Thomas, M.D., Sean Pierce, M.D., and Mark Schlesinger, M.D.
Medical Students for Choice (MSFC)	Mission Statement: The mission of MSFC is to ensure that individuals receive the full range of reproductive health care choices. MSFC works to make reproductive health care, including abortion, a standard part of medical education and residency training. MSFC endeavors to destigmatize abortion provision among medical students and residents and to persuade medical schools and residency programs to include abortion as part of the reproductive health services curriculum.	Eliza Adam, Mai Hatazaki, Charlotte Slavick	Tovah Tripp, M.D.
Medical Students for Size Inclusivity at HMSOM	HMSOM's Health at Every Size club seeks to address the clinical and societal effects of equating body size with health status. We hope to discuss the clinical impacts of weight stigma on patients and providers both epidemiologically and in test cases. We plan to discuss wellness practices in a way that is decoupled from weight equalling health and instead focus on health-promoting behaviors. We will invite HAS aligned dietitians to speak with our organization and potentially the entire cohort. We will also hold discussions or journal clubs to cover recent research in dietetics, exercise science, eating disorders, and metabolism. Finally, we plan to incorporate realistic challenges posed to our cohort to promote health throughout medical school.	Vanshika Jain, Madison Laezzo	Tovah Tripp, M.D.
Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) Club	The Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) club's mission is to unite and empower MENA medical students to become leaders in their communities while promoting cultural awareness and understanding among the wider student body. We aim to enhance our members' education and professional development by fostering a deeper appreciation of MENA culture and its contributions to the field of medicine. Through community outreach and service, we strive to positively impact the health literacy and well-being of the MENA community.	Sabaa Alnsour, Nicola El Tom (Additional Exec Board members includes: David Hanna, Shady Barsoom, Shahad Al Rikabi, Samantha Adwani, Sandra Guirguis, Hanin Bachir)	
Narrative Medicine	In this club, we will spend our time learning about the theories and evidence behind Narrative Medicine, but more importantly, putting it into practice as we build our professional identities as physicians. We hope to bring in speakers with expertise on both clinical applications of NM and in subjects as diverse as art, end of life care, and education. We will hold NM workshops, which allow us to practice close reading and listening and reflectively write about our experiences. We aim to integrate NM into HMSOM both for the wellbeing of ourselves as students, and for the patients we will treat as physicians.	Mackenzie Fox, Hanin Bachir, Amman Waseem	Caryn Loffman, LSW

Nephrology Student Interest Group	Our mission is to foster the development of future nephrologists by providing educational and networking opportunities for medical students interested in nephrology, promoting research and advocacy in the field, and serving as a liaison between students and practicing nephrologists.	Santhosh Donepudi, Nihal Sriramaneni	Namrata Jain, M.D.
Neuroscience Journal Club	The purpose and mission of The Neuroscience Journal Club is 1) to explore and discuss modern breakthroughs in neuroscience research and it's implications on patient care and 2) to improve and develop the skills necessary to critically analyze research studies ranging from bench work to clinical work, specifically identifying strengths and limitations in methodology, appraising for strength and/or level of evidence, and effectively eliciting main takeaways that will facilitate lifelong learning.	Jordan Intrator, Mirai Mikhail	
Neurosurgery Interest Group	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 has to healing. With an appetite for both the clinical and research arenas within this field, we collectively foster one another's interests, so as to cultivate a career driven by both heart and mind.	Kaity Voity, Amber Chan, Alan Li	Patrick Roth, M.D.
Oncology Interest Group	The Oncology Student Interest Group aims to provide students with exposure to different facets of the medical specialty of oncology, including subspecialties, research and opportunities, as well as networking events with JTCC.	Harshal Shah, Kelly Mourtzanakis	Andrew Ip, M.D.
Ophthalmology Interest Group	The mission of the Ophthalmology Interest Group is to heighten awareness about the field of ophthalmology to medical students at Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine. Furthermore, we hope to provide guidance to interested students by introducing research opportunities, facilitating mentorships, and hosting panels and lectures with ophthalmologists.	Alan Li, Devin Beckmann, Nihal Sriramaneni	Michael Silverberg, M.D.
Organ Transplant Club	The purpose of the Organ Transplantation Organization is to get students early clinical experience in the multidisciplinary field of organ transplantation. Students will have the opportunity to shadow transplant professionals, observe organ transplant procedures, take part in team rounds, and much more. Beyond invaluable exposure to organ transplantation, our goal is also to prepare and encourage students to be valued, active participants in medical decision making. Specifically, students will contribute to discussions regarding transplant candidacy, donor-recipient compatibility, immunosuppressant therapy, surgical techniques, post-operative care, and the ethics surrounding transplantation.	Mason Henrich, Nicholas Blount, Sidharth Anand	Michael Goldstein, M.D.
Orthopaedic Surgery Journal Club	The Orthopaedic Surgery Journal Club is a student-led organization that serves as a platform for like minded students to explore, learn, and grow within the field of orthopaedics. Not only does the group allow students to share and discuss cutting edge research, but it also facilitates collaboration between upper and lower classmen, as well as physicians, that are conducting research in orthopaedics.	Kevin Posner, Sean Richards, Cassandra Bakus	
Orthopedic Interest Group	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. 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.	Mallery Zeimam, Lee Beauchamp	
Otolaryngology (ENT) Interest Group	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.	Abinav Udaiyar, Devin Beckmann	Brian Benson, M.D.
Pathology Interest Group	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 pathologists 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 network with potential mentors. All medical students are welcome, and we look forward to exposing students to the fascinating specialty of pathology!	Gwendolyn Glatz, Mallory Vollbrecht	Jennifer Zepf, D.O.
Pediatrics Interest Group	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 a number of 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.	Sruti Mukherjee, Mason Henrich, Daniella Kay	Steven Kairys, M.D.
Phone Pal Program	The Phone Pal Program (PPP) is a (interprofessional/HMSOM) medical student volunteer group that functions through the HMSOM psychiatry interest group. It was formed in response to the disproportionate effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the social isolation and wellbeing of older adults in our communities. Student volunteers make telephone calls to Seniors referred by the Senior's physician on a weekly basis over a period of three (3) months in an effort to provide emotional and psychosocial support, as well as to identify any potential health concerns which will be referred to the Senior's physician provider team. The volunteer medical student is not providing medical services of any nature and is providing volunteer services under the supervision of the physician faculty leads	Madison Laezzo, Archana Sadangi, Mitchell Cardin, Riya Salva	Robert Stern, M.D.
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Interest Group (PM&R)	The Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) Interest Group aims to introduce students to the field and enhance their musculoskeletal and neurological clinical knowledge. We provide educational lectures and workshops, as well as faculty guidance to those interested in pursuing the specialty. The American Academy of PM&R describes the following: "Physical medicine and rehabilitation (PM&R), also known as physiatry or rehabilitation medicine, aims to enhance and restore functional ability and quality of life to those with physical impairments or disabilities affecting the brain, spinal cord, nerves, bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, and tendons. A physician having completed training in this field is referred to as a physiatrist. Unlike other medical specialties that focus on a medical "cure," the goals of the physiatrist are to maximize patients' independence in activities of daily living and improve quality of life."	Zavia King, Caitlin Gartley, Matthew Lee	Leslie Bagay, M.D.
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Interest Group	The Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery interest group aims to provide HMSOM students opportunities to explore the field of PRS through mentoring, shadowing, and research. Events will include guest speakers who can provide insight into the practice of PRS and clinical procedure workshops.	Ruchi Raval, Nihal Sriramaneni	Suri Ponamgi, M.D.
Precision Medicine Interest Group (PMIG)	The purpose of the Precision Medicine Interest Group (PMIG) is to provide a forum for students to learn more about this exciting and rapidly developing field and to help connect students with investigators at the CDI or within HMH conducting research on such topics. To facilitate this, we will host multiple panels, presentations, and other events in coordination with HMH and CDI faculty.	Conrad Weiss, Eric Zhu, Shreyes Manivel	Irene Hung, M.D.
Psychiatry Student Interest Group	he mission of the Psychiatry Interest Group at HMSOM is to foster student interest in the field of psychiatry, and to connect students to peers, psychiatry residents, and practicing psychiatrists from a broad range of subspecialties for mentorship and learning.	Emma Alai, Nathaniel Tremonti, Robert Reisler	Ramon Solhkah, M.D.
Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine Interest Group	The goal of the Pulmonary/Critical Care Interest Group is to provide opportunities for students at HMH to learn more about pulmonology and critical care medicine. To accomplish this, we will host presentations from HMH staff and clinical procedure workshops including POCUS, bronchoscopy and other hands-on techniques employed commonly in the field.	Lindsay Fogel, Riya Savla, Shaiesh Yogeswaran	Michael Silverberg, M.D.
Radiology Interest Group	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. 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.	Garrison Allen, Shreyes Manivel, Daniel Thiemann	Rajiv Biswal, M.D.

Ripple Magazine	Our mission is to celebrate the most important facets of medicine - humanism, empathy, and progress - by sharing the stories of the Hackensack Meridian Health Network.	Mira Blecherman, Priya Bhav (Additional Exex Board members includes: Leigh Plasil, Mai Hatazaki, Mackenzie Fox, Sania Ali, Ada Natarajan)	Allison Piazza, MHA, MLIS, AHIP
Socially Responsible Surgery	Socially Responsible Surgery is a movement started at Boston University working for surgical equity through advocacy, education, research and service. The mission of this movement is "recognizing social responsibility as a core value of surgical practice and surgery as an essential component of global health, this group aims to identify opportunities for leadership, research, and collaboration in the training of globally-minded surgeons committed to surgical equity.	Mitchell Cardin, Riya Savla, Qilin Cao, Shady Barsoom	TBA
SOMLifts	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.	Grace Basralian, Jordan Windsor, Allen Fooks	
South Asian Medical Outreach Student Association (SAMOSA)	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. Also, to promote awareness of South Asian culture and advocate for health in the South Asian community as medical professionals.	Sidharth Anand, Ruchi Raval, Santhosh Donepudi	Mukundha Maneyapanda, M.D.
Speciality Interest Group Neurology (SIGN)	The purpose of the Student Interest Group in Neurology shall be to increase awareness of and interest in neurology and all of its subspecialties. The group will strive to encourage collaboration between the medical students of HMSOM and the physicians in the Hackensack Meridian Network to forge strong connections and provide an opportunity for learning and service state-wide. The group will also strive to act as a liaison between the Hackensack Meridian Students and the American Academy of Neurology, providing students with opportunities to get involved in learning and service on a national level as well. The goal of these connections is to facilitate learning in regards to clinical practice, professional development, academic/research initiatives, and personal growth. We welcome all medical students to join our organization.	Faizan Ahmed, Omid Tabatabaee, Jordan Berry	Florian Thomas, M.D., Felicia Gliksman, M.D.
Sports Medicine Interest Group	The mission of the HMSOM Sports Medicine Interest Group will be to foster and promote student education, interest and engagement in the medical sub-specialty of sports medicine. Sports medicine is a broad field, and our interest group will explore the various pathways of becoming involved in the field as a career and how they relate to residency choices ranging from orthopedic surgery to primary care. Our group will also strive to provide exposure for students through events such as speaker presentations from guest physicians and interactive workshops. We hope that this will foster student interest in the field and provide opportunities for mentorship from the sports medicine community.	Noelle Bessette, Jordan Windsor, Paul Ryan, Lee Beauchamp	John Koerner, M.D.
Student National Medical Association (SNMA)	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 and opportunities opportunity for outreach within - underserved communities. Our chapter enjoys the full support of HMSOM, whose core mission includes learning and service through the 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.	Vaughn McEnough, Justus Townsend	Tade Ayeni, Ph.D.
Students Helping Students (SHS)	Students Helping Students (SHS) is a program that aims to foster a collaborative relationship between the HMSOM and high school students in NJ who may be interested in medicine. We are currently partnered with students at the Passaic Academy for Science and Engineering. Specifically, the school has students involved in a club called HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) targeted at those with an interest in pre-health professions. While we may be at different points in our educations, all health professionals become "students" for the entirety of their careers. As medical students, we are in a unique position to offer information, guidance, and support to students who may want to pursue medicine as a profession as we are not far removed from where they are now. Thus far, we have done Q and A sessions and small group presentations with discussions on topics of the students' choice. Our meetings have been once a month on an online platform, but we are hoping in-person interactions will be possible in the future. Past topics have included choosing a college, our paths to medical school, and our experience with imposter syndrome. Members will learn how to properly facilitate discussions and present to our student partners. Through these informative presentations and discussions, we hope to help prepare students for careers in healthcare in order to meet the growing need for healthcare professionals in the community.	Omid Tabatabaee, Kevin Zhang	Larry Rosen, M.D.
The Global Human	The Global Human is an organization that aims to promote, understand, and work in public health both internationally and locally. Public health explores the physical, mental, and social wellbeing, rather than merely the absence of disease, in our patient population. At HMSOM, we value working towards equitable care. Our organization expands upon that by raising awareness for global health issues, informing students on careers in public health, and getting first hand experience through public health initiatives.	Sabaa Alnsour, Mallory Vollbrecht	
Urology Interest Group	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 attendings and residents, panel-based discussions, and research seminars.	Meghana Singh, Howard Smith	David Shin, M.D.
Volleyball Club	The goal of the Volleyball Club is to foster a community centered around social and recreational volleyball play. The club is open to players of all abilities and experience levels, including beginners. We believe that the team-based sport and campus volleyball court will help facilitate student bonding, stress relief, and SOM community formation. Our club will hold weekly volleyball games on and off campus while also connecting members to local volleyball clubs and tournaments.	Priya Bhav, Sania Ali	
Wilderness in Medicine	The purpose of the Wilderness Medicine Interest Group at HMSOM is to facilitate medical student education and training in the practice of medicine in extreme and resource-constrained environments. We aim to engage students with faculty and guest speaker presentations on a multitude of topics in wilderness medicine, including high-altitude mountaineering, diving and hyperbaric medicine, climbing, envenomation, delayed evacuation to definitive care, and tactical combat casualty care.	Allison Brown, Nicholas Cassimatis	Anthony Edholm, M.D., Edward Egan, M.D.