

# AMSA National Conference Information

<http://www.amsa.org/conv/index.cfm>

**When:** March 12-16, 2008

**Where:** Houston, TX  
Hyatt Regency

**Theme:** "health care (r)evolution"

## HOTEL INFORMATION

Hyatt Regency Houston  
1200 Louisiana Street  
Houston, TX 77002  
1-713-654-1234 or 1-800-233-1234  
[mention "AMSA Convention"]

AMSA's special rate for the Hyatt Regency Houston is **\$135 (plus 17% tax\*) per room, per night.**  
The convention will be at this hotel.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** All reservations must be made by **February 18, 2008** to obtain the convention room rate.

Check-in time is 3:00 pm, and check-out time is 11:00 am.

## AIRLINE INFORMATION

You can access ATC through AMSA's online travel center at [www.atcmeetings.com/amsa](http://www.atcmeetings.com/amsa). You can also call ATC at 1-800-458-9383, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-7:30 pm, EST or [email](#) them. Always mention you're traveling as an AMSA convention participant when you call for information.

United Airlines	1-800-521-4041	510CK
American Airlines	1-800-433-1790	A2638AC
Continental Airlines	1-800-468-7022	ZBRR-ACFSY1

When calling ATC or the airlines, the important points are:

1. Your name
2. Your organization/event (AMSA annual convention)
3. Name(s) of passenger(s) traveling
4. Departure dates to and from the convention
5. Origin, preferred airports destination to/from convention are George Bush Intercontinental or William P. Hobby Airports
6. Approximate departure time to and from the convention
7. Car rental requests
8. Date for ticket delivery
9. Special requests, i.e., meals, seating assignments, etc.

George Bush Intercontinental Airport is approximately 26 miles north of the hotel and William P. Hobby Airport is approximately 12 miles south of the hotel.

There are shuttles to and from both airports. See <http://www.amsa.org/conv/travel.cfm#Ground> for more info.

## Parking

The hotel does not have its own parking areas. The closest parking facility to the hotel is the Regency SW Garage located at 611 Clay Street. This garage is connected with an enclosed walkway. The maximum charge is \$16/day\* with no in and out privileges. The Hyatt Regency Houston does offer valet services for a charge of \$25/day\* with unlimited in and out access. All vehicles over 9' should park in the self-parking lot.

## Premedical Convention Programming

To see all programming details, visit <http://www.amsa.org/conv/program.cfm>.

### Thursday, March 13, 2008

#### Premedical Members Meeting (9:00 am)

Come meet premedical students from around the nation, learn about your association and AMSA membership and get involved in this year's activities. This is your time to regroup and find out about programs designed for premeds. Today, premedical members will meet to discuss controversial resolutions and create a report for each reference committee.

#### PreMedical Student Mixer (8:00 pm)

Come out and meet fellow premeds from all across the country and get to know your premed leaders! Enjoy music, play games, and participate in fun icebreakers. Join us for the opportunity to network, mix, and find out new information while having a great time!

### Friday, March 14, 2008

#### Premedical Members Meeting (10:30 am)

You will have the opportunity to address questions to national officer candidates.

#### Medical Student Panel: From Current Applicants to 4th Year Medical Students (1:00 pm)

Are you a premedical student wondering what medical school is really like? Come meet an amazing panel of medical students in various stages of their physician-in-training years. You'll have a chance to hear the different paths students have taken in their medical school training, learn about their hardships, and find out what they would have done differently as a premed. Come out and listen to fellow physicians-in-training answer your questions.

#### Medical School Admissions--Hear From a Top Ten Medical School Admissions Dean (3:00 pm)

*Lloyd H. Michael PhD, Senior Associate Admissions Dean*

Attention all Premed AMSA! You cannot miss this engaging conversation with Lloyd H. Michael, PhD. Come out to hear what a top ten medical school looks for in their pool of applicants. Dr. Michael will address questions and offer invaluable advice for all premeds at any stage in their premed years. Make sure to bring any lingering questions you may have about medical school admissions and finally get them answered!

### Saturday, March 15, 2008

#### Healthcare 101: A Breakdown of the Healthcare Reform (10:30 am)

Premeds come to learn more about what you're getting into! This workshop is designed by students for students to provide an interactive experience aimed at examining various aspects of the US healthcare system, identifying current problems, and breaking down solutions through healthcare reform. The session will begin with an overview of the system as it currently stands. Students will then break up into groups representing the government, healthcare provider, and patients of the healthcare system. At the end of the mock session, the groups will come together and discuss what each encountered at their level in the current system, identify problems, and offer solutions through healthcare reform.

#### The Premedical Advisor You've Always Been Looking For: AMSA! (11:30 am)

Learn about activism and involvement as a premed. AMSA spans from early premedical years through medical school, residency, and ultimately physicianship. Premed AMSA offers its members more than just professional development- it's a way to transform your idealism and passion into education, experience, and activism. Join us to learn how to re-envision your premedical education with AMSA. We'll tell you how you can become the most informed applicant through the nation's largest and oldest student-run medical organization.

#### Premedical Members Caucus and Elections (1:30 pm)

We will elect the premedical trustee and premedical regional directors for 2008-2009.

### Sunday, March 16, 2008

#### Premedical Members Meeting (10:00 am)

Premedical members will meet with medical regions during this time.

For online registration:

<https://www.amsa.org/secure/conv/onlineregistration.cfm>

**ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 12, 2008**

	<b>Before 2/12/2008</b>	<b>After 2/12/2008</b>
<b>AMSA Student Member</b>	\$149	\$179
<b>Student non-member</b>	\$224	\$254
<b>Registration + premed student membership</b>	\$184	\$214

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