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AMSA's 57th Annual Convention

AMSA's 57th Annual Convention will be held March 7-11, 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Washington, DC. This year's convention, "Health Care Justice: Pursuing the Dream of a Healthy Society" will focus on a new era of physician advocacy: where being a physician is defined by social responsibility, duty and a commitment to our profession, our patients and our communities.

Confirmed keynoters include Barbara Ross-Lee, DO, the first African-American woman to be appointed dean of an American medical school and current Vice President of Health Sciences and Medical Affairs, New York College of Osteopathic Medicine; H. Jack Geiger, MD, M. Sci. Hyg. (epidemiology), Sc.D. (hon), Arthur C. Logan Professor Emeritus of Community Medicine at the City University of New York Medical School; Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) Paul Farmer, MD, PhD, medical anthropologist and Founding Director of Partners in Health; and Sanjay Gupta, MD, senior medical correspondent for the health and medical unit at CNN and practicing neurosurgeon.

Along with AMSA's action committees and interest groups programming, the convention will offer many exciting events including a special one-day kickoff symposium titled, "The Disgrace of Health Disparities: In Our Nation and Around the World" and a vigil in Washington, DC for those left behind by the health care system (Wednesday); a rally on Capitol Hill on the topic of health care delivery, a chance to lobby your Congressperson and the 12th Annual AMSA Foundation Annual Poster Session (Thursday); AMSA's 4th Annual Residency Fair and Specialty Showcase, the Health Justice Celebration and Art Show and Capitol Steps entertainment (Friday); and, AMSA's 9th Annual Medical School Fair (Saturday). Don't miss your chance to meet some of medicine's most outstanding leaders and network with other physicians-in-training from across the country. Check out AMSA's Web site for the latest information and program of events at www.amsa.org/conv.



Special Convention Flyer in This Mailing!

Please feel free to make copies of the Convention flyer and put up around your school. Don't let anyone miss this opportunity to meet with like-minded medical students and AMSA alumni, and to find out why many physician leaders identify the AMSA Convention as a pivotal event in their future career as a physician leader.

Register Early for Convention!

Online registration is available at www.amsa.org/secure/conv/onlineregistration.cfm. A copy of the form is also in your *Official Call*, in the Jan./Feb. issue of *The New Physician* and included in this mailing. Remember, **February 10, 2007 is the postmark deadline for "Early Bird" registration.** All registrations received after this date will be assessed an additional \$25 fee-NO EXCEPTIONS. If you plan to request money from your Dean, please approach him/her now.

Hotel Accommodations



All convention programming will be held at the official convention hotel:
Hyatt Regency Crystal City
2799 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202
(703) 418-1234 or (800) 233-1234

Travel Arrangements

AMSA's official travel agent for the convention is Association Travel Concepts (ATC), which offers the lowest airfare on any carrier. AMSA has negotiated discounted airfares with United Airlines and American Airlines. For more information or to make a reservation, call ATC at (800) 458-9383, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-7:30 pm, EST or email them at reservations@atcmeetings.com. Always mention you're traveling as an AMSA convention participant when you call for information. You can also book your travel using the ATC website designed especially for AMSA members at www.atcmeetings.com/amsa. If you prefer to call the airlines directly, please refer to the following numbers: United Airlines, 800-521-4041, ID# 510CK / American Airlines, 800-433-1790, ID# A7827AC.



The Hyatt Regency Crystal City is approximately five minutes from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). Other nearby airports include Washington Dulles International Airport and Baltimore-Washington International Airport. However, these airports are approximately 25 miles from the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. Remember to consider costs and travel times when you choose your method of transportation. Local chapters also organize car pools to the convention site. Contact your regional trustee if you have any problems identifying an appropriate mode of transportation.

Ground Transportation

The hotel offers complimentary shuttles to and from the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) and nearby Crystal City Metro Station. The shuttle leaves the hotel every half-hour on the hour, starting at 5:30 am and ending at 12:30 am. * Taxi cabs are also available from DCA for approximately \$6* one-way. For more information on ground transportation from other nearby airports, please refer to AMSA's Web site at www.amsa.org/conv/travel.cfm. The Hyatt Regency Crystal City offers valet parking for local attendees at a rate* of \$10/less than 2 hours, \$15/2-4 hours, \$18/4-6 hours, \$23/over 6-24 hours. The rate* for overnight guests is \$23 with unlimited in and out access. Clearance is 6'8".



Reservations should be made directly with the Hyatt Regency Crystal City. Their reservation department will be happy to answer questions concerning your stay, make sure to mention you're coming in for the AMSA Annual Convention.

AMSA's special rate for the Hyatt Regency Crystal City is \$159 (plus 10.25% tax*) per room, per night. This is a flat rate for single, double, triple or quad occupancy. Request the type of room you want when making your reservation. If you prefer a room with two double beds, you must request such a room and provide four names to each room you reserve. The hotel may charge an additional fee for more than four adults to a room if you provide this information. Roll-away beds are available for an additional charge of \$20 per stay.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All reservations must be made by **February 20, 2007** to obtain the convention room rate. Even though AMSA has reserved a large block of rooms, it's best to make reservation as soon as possible. Once this block of rooms is sold out, rooms may sell for a higher price regardless if it's prior to Feb. 20. All reservations made after Feb. 20 will be subject to a higher rate on a first-come, first-serve basis while rooms are available. When making room reservations, you will be required to provide a credit card number and a first night's room deposit. If you need to cancel a room reservation, make sure you do so 48-hours prior to the day of your arrival or

you will be charged for the room.

Check-in time is 3:00 pm, and check-out time is 11:00 am. The hotel does offer a baggage storage area on a complimentary basis for early and late departures. Special requests for suites, adjoining rooms, etc. will be honored whenever possible. Always mention you are a participant of AMSA's Annual Convention to obtain negotiated rates. Each roommate is responsible for his/her own charges. Be sure to negotiate in advance with the other occupants to record telephone calls, etc.

House of Delegates (HOD)

Friday and Saturday, March 9-10, 2007. AMSA's official policy-making body, the HOD, is a delegation of AMSA members from each local medical chapter who meet once a year at the Annual Convention to vote on AMSA's policies and to elect our national officers. AMSA's policies and principles are changed only by the HOD. This body is the sole force that determines AMSA's official views on all issues. The HOD is truly where AMSA's members take ownership of the Association. Each chartered AMSA medical chapter is allotted 1 to 4 delegates, based on membership numbers. You, the members, will debate the issues, make the amendments and cast the votes that shape AMSA's policies.

Chapter presidents must complete and return the original delegate certification form by the postmark date of **February 5, 2007**. For more information please see our Web site at www.amsa.org/conv/

hod.cfm. To print a copy of the delegate certification form got to www.amsa.org/conv/delegateform.cfm. International chapters please be sure to use the International Delegate form.

An original copy of the form must be mailed to the AMSA national office by postmark deadline date of **February 5, 2007**. After this date, you will need to register onsite at convention with either Trustee-at-Large, Lauren Sachs or Jennifer Jackson, prior to the HOD's first business session. Mail original forms to: AMSA Convention, Attn: Carol Clarke, 1902 Association Dr., Reston, VA 20191.

AMSA's 9th Annual Medical School Fair

The Medical School Fair is the premier event for premedical students from around the country to speak directly with medical school representatives. It will be held Saturday, March 10, 2007, from 5:30-7:30 pm. For more information and to view a tentative list of participants, see the AMSA Web site at www.amsa.org/conv/medfair/.

If you are interested in reserving a spot for your medical or post-bac school, please register for this event by **February 16, 2007**. You are encouraged to have both administrators AND students (preferably AMSA chapter officers) represent your school at this event. Register online at www.amsa.org/secure/conv/medfair.cfm. You'll need to bring recruitment materials, a banner (no more than 6' in width, the size of the table) and lots of

energy! Student/administrator set-up will be from 4:30-5:30 pm on Saturday.

Worried About Fundraising?

You should already be formulating plans to get your members to the upcoming National Convention. Smaller chapters, get a few first year students psyched to go. It's a great motivator for future leaders. Larger chapters that plan to send lots of folks should appoint one reliable student to organize advertising, fundraising, travel and logistics for the event. For additional fundraising ideas check out the AMSA Web site at www.amsa.org/conv/fundraising.cfm.

Take a Year Off and Work for AMSA!

AMSA is now accepting applications for its four fellowship-type, "student-on-staff" positions in 2007-2008. If you watch more C-SPAN than MTV, you might be AMSA's next Legislative Affairs Director. If you have great new ideas to improve the projects and programs that AMSA offers its members, then you might be the next Director of Student Programming. If you are dedicated to inspire and motivate other students to take action on universal health care and eliminating health disparities, then you might be the next Jack Rutledge Fellow. If you think that the medical community should be doing even more to mobilize the nation's physicians-in-training and address the Global HIV/AIDS pandemic, then you might be the next Global AIDS Fellow.

For more information or to apply for one of these positions go to:

- Legislative Affairs Director - www.amsa.org/sos/ladwanted.cfm
- Director of Student Programming - www.amsa.org/sos/dspwanted.cfm
- Jack Rutledge Fellow - www.amsa.org/sos/jrfwanted.cfm
- Global Aids Fellow - www.amsa.org/sos/gafwanted.cfm

These are paid, one-year positions that include free housing. The deadline to apply for a student office staff position is **January 30, 2007**.

Winter Recruitment

January is an excellent time for a winter recruitment drive. Students returning from the holiday break may have more funds for the membership fee than at the begin-

ning of the year, they may also be a little more willing to participate in extra-curricular activities after the initial fear of exams is gone, and they will certainly be excited about attending the AMSA National Convention!

Winter recruitment and Convention can draw a lot of people to AMSA. This is why we would like to encourage chapter officers to engage in a second recruitment push over the next few months. To assist with this, each chapter should receive application materials for the winter recruitment cycle sometime this month, if you have not already received them. Membership applications are also available on the AMSA Web site www.amsa.org/member/mbrapp.cfm. Feel free to download and duplicate applications and materials as needed for distribution.

Attention U.S. Medical Chapters!

AMSA is pleased to announce that Bank of America (BAC) is offering a promotion to assist with winter recruitment efforts this year. New U.S. Medical AMSA **members that join between Jan. 8-Feb. 5, 2007 and complete an online BAC credit card application** will be eligible to receive a free \$50 Barnes & Noble.com gift card.

The BAC credit card application is an online application only and can be found at www.amsacreditcard.com. The AMSA application can be found online at www.amsa.org/join, or your students can use the paper brochure/application you receive with your recruitment materials. This program is available to domestic medical chapters only. For more information and eligibility requirements please email jsalehi@amsa.org or call AMSA Membership Services at (800) 767-2266.

Benefits of the Month!

1) Barnes & Noble.com Sale

Special Back-to-School Savings for AMSA Members through **January 29th at midnight!**

AMSA Members save an additional 10% on every order—including textbooks! Plus, get free shipping on orders of \$25 or more!

Shop now: www.bn.com/amsa.



2) PDA Sale

From now until **January 31st** get a Free 1 GB SD Card with purchase of a Medicopeia—Medical Student Edition and a TjX or a Treo 680 Smartphone*. Save up to \$225 with this Limited Time Offer. This special offer is valid only while supplies last so don't delay! To purchase, go to one of the following Web sites:



TjX Offer:

<http://amsa.pdaorder.com/pdaorder/-/item?oec-catalog-item-id=3712>



Treo 680 Offer:

<http://amsa.pdaorder.com/pdaorder/-/item?oec-catalog-item-id=3982>

*GSM Unlocked Version works internationally and with T-Mobile and Cingular. No contract required.

AMSA Local Project Grants

The 2006–2007 AMSA Local Project Grants Cycle II is now complete. The deadline date for the last application cycle is **January 20, 2007**. Applications are available **online only**. For additional information and to apply, please visit www.amsa.org/member/lpg_med.cfm. Congratulations to all LPG Cycle II grant recipients:

- Boston Univ SOM
- Brown Medical School
- Harvard Medical School
- Yale Univ SOM
- New York Univ SOM
- UMDNJ RWJ Medical School
- SUNY Downstate Medical Ctr COM
- Howard Univ SOM
- Univ of Pittsburgh SOM
- Case Western Reserve Univ SOM
- Univ of Michigan Medical School
- Wayne State Univ
- Univ of Illinois COM - Chicago
- Chicago COM Midwestern Univ
- Vanderbilt Univ
- Univ of Kansas SOM
- Univ of Minnesota Medical School
- Univ of California Irvine SOM
- Univ of CA San Francisco SOM
- Univ of Nevada SOM
- Ben Gurion Univ
- Tufts Univ - Premedical
- Columbia Univ - Premedical
- Case Western Reserve - Premed
- Univ of MO Kansas City - Premed
- Univ of California Davis - Premedical
- San Diego State Univ - Premedical

The National Physicians Alliance Invites You to Join Us!

For the second year in a row, the new National Physicians Alliance (NPA) will be holding its annual conference in conjunction with AMSA's national convention. This year's theme: "Making Medicine Ours Again: Patients and Doctors United for Health," March 10-12, 2007, in Arlington, VA. This is going to be a terrific meeting, and it provides an opportunity to get to know the National Physicians Alliance, an organization founded by former AMSA leaders and poised to bring a bold new voice to organized medicine. All AMSA graduates are given free membership to the NPA throughout their residencies—a benefit worth up to \$300. Why? Because AMSA and the NPA are family. **All fourth-year medical students registered for AMSA's national meeting are welcome to attend the NPA meeting for free, but registration is still required!**

The National Physicians Alliance is building a new professional home. Our mission is broad: to seek high quality health care for all people; to address the relationships between poor health, poverty and race; to rid medical education and practice of undue industry influence; to mentor young physicians in advocacy; and everywhere to offer a strong voice in debates of health policy—in the media, in academic journals, in medical schools, in local and state government and on Capitol Hill. Featured speakers at this year's meeting include: Sanjay Gupta, MD, senior medical correspondent for the health and medical unit at CNN (co-sponsored by the AMSA); Rudolph Mueller, MD, author of the widely read *As Sick As It Gets*; Ron Pollack, founding executive director of Families USA; David Hilfiker, MD, author of *Urban Injustice* and *Not All of Us Are Saints*; Peter Beilenson, MD, MPH, former health commissioner of Baltimore. For up-to-date meeting schedules and to register, visit our homepage, www.npalliance.org.

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PATIENTS AND DOCTORS UNITED FOR HEALTH

Mission Statement: The National Physicians Alliance is founded to restore physicians' primary emphasis on the core values of our profession: service, integrity, and advocacy. The NPA offers a professional home for physicians seeking creative collaboration and mutual support. As a diverse physician community, we work to improve health and well being, and to ensure equitable, affordable, high quality health care for all people.

2007 Primary Care Leadership Training Program

The AMSA Foundation is pleased to announce the Primary Care Leadership Training Program (LTP) for the summer of 2007. This weeklong program is designed to enhance the leadership skills of outstanding students and educate them on the wide range of career opportunities available in primary care. Forty medical and dental students from across the country, who have been nominated and sponsored by their deans, will be selected by AMSA to participate in the program. The theme for the 2007 LTP is Primary Care Across the Lifespan: Meeting the Challenge of Health Disparities, and the main goal of this year's LTP is to educate students on health disparities as they relate to the care of minority populations from the very young to the very old.

Student applications will be made available in late-January 2007. If you are interested in learning more about the Primary Care LTP, please visit our Web site at www.amsa.org/addm or contact Angelia Bowman, abowman@amsa.org.



Get Involved in Local Middle and High Schools!

AMSA's Widening the Pipeline initiative encourages medical and dental students to visit middle and high school aged students to talk about health careers. The project-in-a-box developed to

help you do this is located at www.amsa.org/addm. The guide contains resources and information related to choosing the type of presentation, talking to school officials and group leaders, and tailoring the presentation for a particular age group. Applicants may apply for up to \$200 in funding and applications for funding will be considered on a rolling basis. For more information, contact Angelia Bowman at abowman@amsa.org.

2007 End of Life Care Education Fellowship

In the summer of 2007, the AMSA Foundation will be offering a six-week fellowship in End of Life Care education for selected medical students. As End-of-Life Care fellows, students will receive both experiential and theoretical training by working at hospices caring for dying patients and their families and participating regularly in interactive workshops and lectures on end of life care. Students will also be trained as advocates to develop, implement and integrate end-of-life education into their own medical school's curriculum. Fellows will be able to apply for a small grant to assist in implementing EOL curricula at their medical school and will receive a stipend of to assist in covering their living expenses during the summer.

This year's program will be offered from June 18-July 27, 2007. Applications are due by **March 23, 2007**. For additional information, visit www.amsa.org/eol or

contact Angelia Bowman at abowman@amsa.org.

Child Passenger Safety Educational Module

The AMSA Foundation and Automobile Association of America (AAA) are excited to introduce a CD-ROM Training Module on Child Passenger Safety. The module is designed to educate healthcare providers on the critical issue of child passenger safety, and to identify the role of medical personnel in delivering that information to parents. The CD-ROM may be for individual use or in a group setting. Specific objectives of the module are: introduce students to child passenger safety issues; improve students' understanding of child passenger safety issues; highlight the importance of provider education regarding child passenger safety issues; and, encourage students to implement child passenger safety measures and policy reforms.

To access the module, please visit: www.amsa.org/CPS/start.html.



Attention All Eligible AMSA National Chartered Chapters—Be on the lookout for chapter recruitment rebates. Checks should arrive in late January.