### Mission Statement

**Academic Medical Interest Group**

The Academic Medical 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 learn more about 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.

**American College of Medical Genetics Student Interest Group**

The American College of Medical Genetics Students Interest Group (ACMG SIG) aims to help students expand their knowledge of and interest in the field of medical genetics. Regardless of practice specialty, physicians are increasingly encountering genetic topics in their practices and will be expected to understand and explain basic concepts to their patients. Medical genetics are further responsible to their colleagues and patients for providing access and information to genetic diagnosis, therapies, and case management. ACMG SIG members will have the opportunity to learn from medical genetics about their careers, to explore the impact of medical genetics technologies on a wide variety of medical fields, and to stay up to date with advances in the field of genetic medicine.

**American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) Student Chapter**

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Student Interest Group (ACOG SIG) exists to provide opportunities for students interested in obstetrics and gynecology. Monthly meetings will focus on becoming familiar with the process of becoming an OB/GYN, OB/GYN procedures, working in the SIM lab, and community service projects. ACOG Interest Group’s meetings welcome all HMSOM students with different backgrounds and interests.

**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. 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 would like to encourage all medical students, regardless of gender, to join AMWA, as women’s issues affect us all.

**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, monitoring, 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.

**Anime Club**

Empowering anime and gaming enthusiasts to connect, collaborate, and immerse themselves in a vibrant community. Our mission is to create a welcoming environment where students can indulge in their passions, foster friendships, and share unforgettable experiences. Committed to organizing an annual Ignite to Anime NYC, we aim to enhance our members’ cultural understanding and excitement for the anime medium.

**Arts in Medicine**

The mission of the Arts in Medicine organization is to explore the multitude of applications for performance, visual, and written arts and disciplines in medicine and to provide opportunities for students and faculty at HMSOM to learn to incorporate arts into health-related practices and setting in a fun and 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.

**Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (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 (API) communities. APAMSA serves as a forum for student leaders to engage these health issues and develop initiatives and projects addressing those needs. APAMSA provides an important voice for students in medical schools, exchange, experiences, and develop personally and professionally through leadership and service.

**Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative Student Clinic**

In partnership with Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative, the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine student clinic Saturday Clinic is a clinic 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.

**Biosethics Club**

The Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine’s Biosethics club aims to educate future physicians on the importance of biosthics in medicine. Our goal is to integrate ethics into physicians at the first stage of their education so that they carry it through their careers and into their practices, thus spreading the ethical ideals to their own students and co-workers. From daily ethical dilemmas in the medical field to new ethical challenges presented, we strive to give our members the tools to navigate difficult scenarios with principled professionalism and a strong consideration for others.

**Bridging Innovation and Clinical Practice**

The purpose of the Bridging Innovation and Clinical Practice Club is to learn about the process of translating innovative research into marketable products. We aim to educate ourselves on the conceptualization, development, and acquisition of funding required to turn an idea into a life-changing treatment for patients. We create opportunities for members of our club to learn from and network with experts in the field. As future physicians, we find it important to anticipate how healthcare will evolve as new discoveries and innovative technologies are integrated with patient care.

**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.
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.

Student Organization/Specialty Interest Group

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which will allow them to better chart their own course through medicine. Moreover for 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 experience and help them reach their optimal well-being. Doctors for Disabilities will accomplish these goals through guest-speaker seminars, outreach events, and educational workshops.

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 to 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 extramural relationship will benefit HMSOM students as well as the Hackensack Meridian network and their community partners. The main opportunity that this club facilitates is assisting K-12 school nurses in completing mandatory health screenings. This began originally started as a CHP project, but has now been continued by several cohorts of students. By working with the Clifton Board of Education and nurses, HMSOM students are recruited and trained to assist in screenings during the 2023-2024 academic year. In the future we hope and anticipate that we can involve more local school systems.

Dermatology Interest Group

The purpose of the Gastroenterology Club at HMSOM is to explore the specialty of Gastroenterology (GI) from both 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 specialty and those looking to further their interest in GI.

Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG)

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.

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<td>The aim of the Geriatrics and Palliative Care Interest Group is to help students explore these specialties and gain a deeper understanding of the intricate relationships between patients and their health care providers. Opportunities are provided for students to network with physicians in the field of geriatrics and palliative care.</td>
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<td><strong>Harm Reduction &amp; Addiction Medicine</strong></td>
<td>Our mission is to mobilize the HMSOM community around harm reduction principles and practices through education initiatives, community partnership, 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.</td>
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<td>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. Opportunities are provided for students to network with physicians in the field of board games.</td>
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<td>Through climbing, we aim to promote not only physical fitness but also mental fortitude, camaraderie, and holistic approach to health, contributing to a vibrant and thriving community. Opportunities are provided for students to network with physicians in the field of climbing.</td>
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<td><strong>HMSOM Golf Society</strong></td>
<td>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. Opportunities are provided for students to network with physicians in the field of golf.</td>
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<td>The HMSOM Language and Cultural Exchange Club strives to foster a space that promotes language learning and cultural exchange among students at the Hackenash Meridian School of Medicine. Opportunities are provided for students to network with physicians in the field of language and cultural exchange.</td>
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<td>The mission of this organization is to fulfill the religious, social, and educational needs of Muslim students at HMSOM &amp; IHS as well as develop a relationship with our local Muslim community, while providing an opportunity for students to build a sense of community. Opportunities are provided for students to network with physicians in the field of Muslim student associations.</td>
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Internal Medicine Interest Group

The mission of the Internal Medicine Interest Group is to promote and develop a profound interest in the specialty. 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 lecture 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.

 Invisible Illness Awareness Club

This club aims to inform medical students and future physicians of the diverse range of experiences that come with invisible and rare illnesses as well as ones that may not be as obvious. Our group strives to promote awareness of illnesses that often take several specialists to diagnose so that when they encounter patients with unusual or nonspecific symptoms they will be able to meet them with some understanding of what they are going through and some knowledge about what might be causing those symptoms.

Infectious Disease Interest Group (IDIG)
The Infectious Disease interest group (IDIG) aims to engage and teach interested students about the world of Infectious Diseases. As both a subspecialty of internal medicine and pediatrics, a career in Infectious Diseases is wide ranging, involving both the patients physicians see and the conditions they treat. This group interest will provide students with education, networking opportunities, and discussion on the different realities of adult and pediatric infectious diseases, as well as an opportunity to review their ID knowledge through fun events like Jeopardy.

Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA)
The LMSA chapter at Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine was founded in 2018 by Raquel Otero Cuenca, Erick Lavín Bautista, and Nicole Weber. Our club aims to help develop a roster of future clinicians who are culturally competent enough to provide high-quality care to Latino patients and who are knowledgeable about the health disparities associated with this patient population. Our mission statement deliberately mentions all underserved communities in New Jersey since many other minority populations also face the same health disparities that plague the Latino community.

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.

Medical Society of New Jersey (MSNJ)
To promote the betterment of the public health and the science and art of medicine, to enlighten public opinion in regard to the problems of medicine, and to safeguard the rights of the practitioners of medicine.

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 experience, and educational opportunities in collaboration with regional Med-Peds programs. We strive to create a strong community that allows students to explore the unique perspectives and opportunities provided by a dual certification in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics.

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Medical Students for Choice (MSCF)
Mission Statement: The mission of MSCF is to ensure that individuals receive the full range of reproductive health care choices. MSCF works to make reproductive health care a reality for all, including abortion, a standard part of medical education and residency training. MSCF advocates 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.

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 patient-physician perspectives in understanding the role of gender in our communities.

Knitting and Crocheting to Aid and Relieve Stress (KCAERS)
A service-oriented, non-profit organization focused on knitting and crocheting projects to benefit the underserved communities in New Jersey. We engage in community service projects such as making blankets, scarves, and other items for hospitals, nursing homes, and other charitable organizations. We also provide a creative, healthy, and fun way to de-stress. We also work to build a sense of community with other students who enjoy these activities.

The mission of the Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) at Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine is to improve the health and mental well-being of the Latino population and all underserved communities in New Jersey through the education of future physicians.

The Jewish Medical Student Association (JMSA) of Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine was founded in 2017 by Rachel Barbour, Liana Bliuciu, and Matthew Safran. Our club aims to help develop a roster of future physicians who are culturally competent enough to provide high-quality care to Jewish patients and who are knowledgeable about the health disparities associated with this patient population.

The mission of the Latin Dance Club is to celebrate the richness of Latin dance culture and provide a relaxed and inclusive space for students to learn, share, and celebrate diverse Latin dance styles. Through engaging classes and cultural events, we aim to promote unity, diversity, and a sense of community while fostering a love for Latin dance among our members and the broader campus community.

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Mission Statement

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 our community at HMSOM by promoting cultural awareness and understanding among the wider student body. We aim to enhance our students’ education and professional development by fostering a deeper appreciation of MENA culture and its contributions to the field of medicine. Through community outreach, educational events, and service, we strive to positively impact the health literacy and well-being of the MENA community. Finally, we are committed to encouraging physicians to become advocates for the MENA community.

Music in Medicine

The Music in Medicine (MiM) club provides a space for students with an interest in music and music performance to explore jazz, classical, pop, rock or any other genre of music. This club is very relaxed and invites anyone with an appreciation for music of all kinds. We typically meet once a week after class, and aim to prepare performances every few months.

Narrative Medicine

Narrative Medicine at HMSOM aims to provide a space for our students to learn, share, and engage with the arts in order to better serve our patients and ourselves. We will offer workshops, field trips, and comfortable spaces for us to share and exchange our own meaningful experiences. Our goal is to make the growing field of Narrative Medicine more accessible and approachable to our classmates, so that they can internalize the language and ideas necessary to practice medicine with empathy and care. There is no prior experience or background in Narrative Medicine necessary to participate in our events; we welcome everyone! You only need an open mind and a willingness to engage!

Neuroscience Journal Club

The purpose and mission of The Neuroscience Journal Club is 1) to explore and discuss modern breakthroughs in neuroscience research and its 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 stating main takeaways that will facilitate lifelong learning.

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 humble contribution that it has to healing. With a reputation for both the clinical and research areas within this field, we collectively foster another's interests, so as to cultivate a career driven by both heart and mind.

Oncology Interest Group

The Oncology Student Interest Group aims to provide students with exposure to different facets of the medical specialty of oncology, including sub-specialties, research opportunities, and as well as networking events with JTOC.

Ophthalmology Interest Group

Our mission for the Ophthalmology Interest Group is to show the students at HMSOM one of the specialized branches of medicine. With various sub-specialties, this branch of medicine offers a wide array of both clinical and surgical practice, allowing all types of future clinicians to fit in. Whether or not this field has ever been a thought in your pursuit of medicine, open up your eyes (pun intended) and come learn about Ophthalmology!

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 valuable exposure to organ transplantation, our goal is to prepare and encourage students to be valuable, 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.

Orthopedic Surgery Interest Group

The Orthopedic Surgery Journal Club is a student led organization that serves as a platform for medical students to explore, learn, and grow within the field of orthopedics. Not only does the group allow students to share and discuss cutting edge research, but it also facilitates collaboration between upper and lower classes, as well as physicians, that are conducting research in orthopedics.

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Pain Medicine Interest Group

To cultivate the next generation of physicians to treat, prevent and rehabilitate people with pain.

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 identity 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!
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<td>The Phone Pal Program (PPP) is a Center Program (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 community. Student volunteers make telephone calls to Senior citizens 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/primary team. The volunteer medical student is not providing medical services or any treatment and is providing volunteer services under the supervision of the physicians faci.</td>
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<td>The mission of the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine (HMSOM) Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&amp;R) Interest Group is to foster a collaborative and supportive community for students with a passion for PM&amp;R. Our aim is to promote awareness and understanding of the field, provide opportunities for professional development, and create a platform for networking among students, faculty, and professionals in the field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Through educational events, hands-on experiences, and community outreach, we strive to inspire and prepare future physicians dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals through the principles and practices of PM&amp;R. Together, we aspire to contribute to the advancement of healthcare and the well-being of patients by fostering a culture of excellence, compassion, and innovation in the realm of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.</td>
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<td><strong>Pickle Ball Club</strong></td>
<td>The HMSOM Pickleball Club is dedicated to promoting the physical, mental, and social well-being of medical students through the sport of pickleball. We strive to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all members, regardless of skill level or experience. We believe that pickleball is a powerful tool for promoting health and wellness.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>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 HMSOM conducting research on such topics. To facilitate this, we will host multiple panels, presentations, and other events in coordination with HMSOM and CDI faculty.</td>
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<td>The goal of the Psychiatry Interest Group is to foster a collaborative and supportive community for students interested in psychiatry, and to connect students to peers, psychiatry residents, and practicing psychiatrists from a diverse range of subspecialties for mentorship and learning.</td>
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<td>The goal of the Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine Interest Group is to provide opportunities for students at HMSOM to learn more about pulmonology and critical care medicine. We aim to show the HMSOM community what it takes to pursue a Pulmonary/Critical Care fellowship and what it means to work in this field. With both inpatient and outpatient pathways, we want to provide ample opportunity for students to interact with different attendings and fellows, and in order to learn more about this career. Our group also hosts hands on workshops for students to learn more about POCUS, intubation, and other hands-on techniques.</td>
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<td>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 clinical diagnostics and medical imaging interpretation through an offsite workshops, lectures, panels, 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 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.</td>
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<td><strong>Ripple Magazine</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>Socially Responsible Surgery</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>SOM Lifts</strong></td>
<td>The goal of SOMLifts is to promote and educate its members on healthy, evidence-based weightlifting habits. We encourage lifts 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 personal lifestyle 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 professional who have a common interest in fitness. Lastly, we hope to host volunteer events for our members through Fitness-related community outreach.</td>
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<td>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 discussions 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.</td>
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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 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 those 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.

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Faculty/Staff Advisor(s): Florian P. Thomas, 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 through both local and national connections and provide opportunities for mentorship from the sports medicine community.

Student leaders: Darcy Ottonenelli, Katrina Niles, Mike Viggiano
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Faculty/Staff Advisor(s): Mukundha B. Maneyapanda, M.D.

Student National Medical Association (SNMA)  
The Student National Medical Association (SNMA) is committed to supporting current and future underrepresented minority medical students, addressing the needs of underserved communities and increasing the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent and socially conscious physicians.

Student leaders: Jude Croustel, Nirmichandu Josub (Josh) Obikale
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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 expedites that by raising awareness for global health issues, informing students on careers in public health, and getting first hand experience through public health initiatives.

Student leaders: Kaseidy Manning, Sourav Bepari
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Urology Interest Group  
The Urology Interest Group at the HMSOM is dedicated to advancing the understanding and interest in the field of urology among medical students. Our mission is to provide a comprehensive platform for future physicians to explore the diverse aspects of urology, from surgical techniques and patient care to innovative research and advancements in urological health. We are committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment that encourages curiosity, learning, and professional development.

Student leaders: Gnaoue Baaralian, Abhinav Udaykumar
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Wilderness Medicine Club  
The Wilderness Medicine Club is dedicated to promoting knowledge and skills essential for providing effective medical care in remote environments. We strive to cultivate a community of passionate individuals who share a common interest in medicine and the great outdoors. Through interactive workshops, outdoor simulations, and collaborative learning experiences, we aim to equip our members with the unique expertise required to handle medical emergencies in wilderness settings. Our mission extends beyond the classroom, emphasizing the importance of environmental stewardship and fostering a sense of responsibility for the well-being of both individuals and nature.

Student leaders: Pooja Bhate, Raymond Huang, Domenico Francis
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Faculty/Staff Advisor(s): Saurav Boparai, M.D.

Women in Surgery  
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.

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