

44 MD-Recognized Student Organizations

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1. AIM – Arts in Medicine

Advisor – Dr. Juan Cendan

The mission of Arts in Medicine (AIM) is to provide opportunities for students, faculty, and staff at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine to actively integrate the arts and sciences. Members will be presented with voluntaristic opportunities to participate in bringing the holistic treatment provided through the arts to hospitals and clinics throughout Central Florida, thereby expanding the traditional boundaries of medicine. Further, it is AIM's mission to actively provide events to the University of Central Florida College of Medicine community that will artistically and creatively enrich the College of Medicine environment.

2. AMA-MSS – American Medical Association – Medical Student Section

The AMA-MSS is dedicated to representing medical students, improving medical education, developing leadership, and promoting activism for the health of America.

3. AMSA – American Medical Student Association

Advisor – Dr. Marcy Verduin

The American Medical Student Association (AMSA) chapter at the University of Central Florida (UCF) serves: to provide the means and support by which to augment the development of UCF students into responsible, competent, compassionate, empathetic, and benevolent physicians; to establish meaningful, lasting, and sustainable community relationships; to safeguard the integrity of our local and national medical education; to advocate for community and patient-centered policies; and to promote health education on the personal, local, national, and global stages.

4. AMWA – American Medical Women's Association

Advisor – Dr. Lori Boardman

The mission of Women's Health Interest Group is to advocate for the advancement of women in medicine and for the improvement of women's health.

5. AWS – Association of Women Surgeons

Advisor – Dr. Jean Miner

The mission of AWS is to inspire, encourage, and enable women surgeons to realize their professional and personal goals.

6. BEME – Biomedical Ethics in Medical Education

Advisor – Soraya Smith

The mission of Biomedical Ethics in Medical Education is to increase awareness about the role of ethics in medicine with the aim of improving ethical decision making and the quality of medical care for patients.

7. BoM – Business of Medicine

Advisor – Dr. Peter Garcia

The mission of the Business of Medicine Interest Group will be to provide UCF COM students with a unique perspective on the commercial side of medicine and to educate students on the business logistics involved in starting and running a medical practice.

8. CMA – Catholic Medical Association

Advisor – Dr. Collen Moran-Bano

The mission of Catholic Medical Association Student Section (CMA-SS) of University of Central Florida College of Medicine is to provide support and assistance to medical students, so that they can grow in their faith and understanding of the principles of the Catholic faith in the course of their education and training, to provide formal opportunities for education, service, and worship in a medical school setting, and to collaborate with the local guilds of the Catholic Medical Association, in advancing the principles of the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine

9. COG – Careers in Oncology

Advisor – Dr. Priya Vishnubhotla

The mission of the Careers in Oncology group is to educate students and raise awareness about the field of oncology, including hematology-oncology, surgical-oncology, radiation oncology, and pathology, while encouraging members to develop lasting relationships with the cancer community.

10.DIG – Dermatology Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Jeffrey Greenwald

The mission of the Dermatology Interest Group is to foster and increase awareness of dermatology and dermatological issues within our medical student body and community. We aim to provide a forum for mentorship and discussion about the multifaceted aspects of dermatology including subspecialties and new developments in clinical treatments.

11.EIG – Epidemiology Interest Group

Advisor - TBA

The mission of the Epidemiology Interest Group is to educate medical students about the field of epidemiology, including epidemiological research methods and career paths that combine epidemiology and medicine.

12.EMIG – Emergency Medicine Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Jay Ladde

The mission of the Emergency Medicine Interest Group is to promote student interest in Emergency Medicine and provide resources and opportunities within the field.

13.ENT – Otolaryngology Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Michael Seidman

The mission of the Otolaryngology Interest Group is to promote student interest in the specialty of Otolaryngology and provide resources, opportunities and exposure in the field of Otolaryngology and its subspecialties, to students interested in pursuing a career in Otolaryngology.

14.FMIG – Family Medicine Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Magdalena Pasarica

The family medicine interest group will increase awareness about opportunities in the field of family medicine and create opportunities for students to explore various aspects of the profession.

15.Healthcare Innovations

Advisor – Dr. David Metcalf

To provide medical students with the knowledge and skills to become the future leaders of medical innovation by creating a forum that fosters multi-disciplinary conversations, abstract thinking, and collaboration to generate solutions for current and arising problems in health care.

16. History of Medicine

Advisor – Dr. Saad Shaikh

The UCF COM History of Medicine Club seeks to promote an understanding of the evolution of contemporary medicine and the historical foundations upon which it is built. By exploring the origins of medicine, members will be able to better appreciate the inextricable linkage between medicine, science, and society and the ways in which scientific paradigms shape medical practice.

17. IMIG – Internal Medicine Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Abdo Asmar/Dr. Sergio Salazar

The Internal Medicine Interest Group (IMIG) at the University of Central Florida (UCF) serves to promote communication and collaboration between UCF students interested in internal medicine and internal medicine physicians under the guidance of UCF College of Medicine (COM). IMIG will serve as a resource for all students at UCF to learn about the field of internal medicine, its fellowships (including Cardiology, Critical Care, Endocrinology, Gastroenterology, Hematology, Infectious Disease, Nephrology, Oncology, Pulmonology, Rheumatology, & Sports Medicine), and to promote the field among students. IMIG shall also work to recognize outstanding students and faculty mentors within the field of internal medicine.

18. LGBTQ – Medical Students and Allies

Advisor – Dr. Lori Boardman

The mission of LGBTQ+ is to ensure equality and raise awareness for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning patients, individuals, and healthcare providers.

19. KNIGHTS Clinic

Advisor – Dr. Magdalena Pasarica

The mission of *KNIGHTS* is to educate and engage the UCF College of Medicine student body on issues relating to the medical care of the underserved and uninsured populations as well as the daily operations of a clinic. This is to be achieved through speakers and mentorship from M2, M3 and M4s on campus. Education and camaraderie through service learning opportunities, including, but not limited to the *KNIGHTS* student run free clinic will be provided

20. MAS – Medical Anesthesiology Society

Advisor – Dr. Michelle Petrovic

The mission of the *Medical Anesthesia Society* is to educate and inform students interested in the field of Anesthesiology. MAS will serve as a resource for students encouraging career exploration, mentorship, educational experiences and increasing competitiveness for a residency position in Anesthesia.

21.MCO – Medical Campus Outreach

Advisor – Dr. Brandon Carr

22.medPACt

Advisor – Dr. Judith Simms-Cendan

The specific purpose of medPACt is to provide education and mentoring for students to become actively engaged with communities of need locally and abroad, and to promote awareness and participation in improving the health-related needs of people throughout the world.

23.Medical Informatics

Advisor – Dr. David Lebowitz

24.M&H – Medicine & Horsemanship

Advisor – Dr. Manette Monroe

The purpose of this group is to spread awareness and knowledge about equine assisted activities and therapies to the medical community and to allow medical students the opportunity to gain firsthand experience in these activities by volunteering at Heavenly Hooves Therapeutic Riding Center/McCormick Research Institute.

25.MiM – Movement is Medicine

Advisor – TBA

The mission of *Movement is Medicine* is to provide students, faculty, and staff at the University Of Central Florida College Of Medicine and the Central Florida community with opportunities to improve and maintain healthy living through physical activity.

26.Mission Nutrition

Advisor – Dr. Robert Karch

The purpose of Mission Nutrition is increase awareness about the importance of nutrition to medical students as well as to the community. The goals of this organization are to empower medical students and people of the community to engage in healthy eating habits. Mission Nutrition also strives to educate medical students about the integral role that nutrition management has throughout the diverse specialties of medicine.

27.MMIG – Military Medicine Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Richard Peppler

28. Narrative Medicine

Advisor – Ms. Olivia DiLeonardo

The mission of Narrative Medicine at the COM is to enrich the student experience in medical school through storytelling, sharing experiences through writing and reading narrations from patients, peers and clinicians and exploring literature relevant to the field of medicine.

29. OGIG – Obstetrics Gynecology Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Judith Simms-Cendan

The mission of the group is to facilitate a better understanding and interest in the field of OB/GYN through volunteerism, clinical exposure, and physician panels, in addition to other educational events and opportunities to raise awareness.

30. OIG – Ophthalmology Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Stan Hand

This group focuses on educating students and raising awareness about the field of ophthalmology and promoting medical student interactions with ophthalmology faculty.

31. OSMIG – Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Gideon Lewis/Dr. John Kirkpatrick

The mission of Orthopedic Interest Group is to inform students interested in pursuing a career in orthopedic surgery on current topics, medical practices and physician lifestyle related to practicing in this field.

32. PIG – Pediatric Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Colleen Moran-Bano

The mission of Pediatric Interest Group (PIG) is to educate medical students about the science and art of pediatric medicine. PIG will offer a place for students interested in pediatric medicine to learn more about what it means to be a pediatrician and what issues are present in the field. PIG will also allow students to foster relationships with like-minded peers, faculty members, and community physicians.

33.PMAG – Preventative Medicine and Aging Group

Advisor – Dr. Mariana Dangiolo

This group focuses on prevalent healthcare issues related to the aging population (65+). This includes geriatrics, end-of-life care, palliative care, chronic illness, medical homes, etc. As future doctors, especially in Florida, the geriatric population will most likely comprise a significant portion of our practice, and it would be helpful now to learn more about this age group and their healthcare issues. The group aims to involve medical students in the elderly community and to disseminate necessary information regarding unique approaches and medical care involved in caring for the geriatric population.

34.PMSIG – Pathology Medical Student Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Manette Monroe

To increase medical student exposure to pathology, to improve student understanding of the role that pathology plays in medical practice, and to help interested students to explore career opportunities in pathology.

35.PRSIG – Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Adam Oppenheimer

The mission of the Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Interest Group is to expose undergraduate medical students to the vast field of plastic surgery to pique students' interest and understanding of this profession.

36.PsychSIGN

Advisor – Dr. Anuja Mehta

The mission of PsychSIGN is to promote psychiatry as a possible career path for medical students. Discussing relevant and important topics in psychiatry including how it is changing will be a priority. Also, to discuss how mental health is relevant to all aspects of the medical field. Explain how to be successful in following this career path. Describe different subspecialties and working environment for health professionals in this field. Provide interactive and experience-based activities and events in the field of psychiatry for medical students.

37. RIG – Radiology Interest Group

Advisor – TBD

RIG was established with the purpose to educate and inform medical students about the field of Radiology, including information pertaining to residency, research, and subspecialties. RIG is dedicated to providing students with engaging seminars, research experiences, and networking opportunities within the rapidly advancing and exciting field of Radiology.

38. SIAM – Students Interested in Academic Medicine

Advisor – Dr. Abdo Asmar

The mission of Students Interested in Academic Medicine is to inform medical students of opportunities they will have in academic medicine, provide tools to begin learning how to be a medical educator, and promote educational partnerships with the UCF undergraduate and local community.

39. SIG – Surgery Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Juan Cendan

The mission of the Surgery Interest Group is to introduce and further educate medical students interested in various careers in the operating room. This group is dedicated to cultivating collaboration, through related service projects, meetings, special events, and other opportunities, between future/current surgeons and anesthesiologists that will allow members to further experience these exciting fields.

40. SIGN – Student Interest Group in Neurology

Advisor – Dr. James Sanders

The mission of Student Interest Group in Neurology is to stimulate student interest in the medical specialties relating to neurology.

41. SNMA – Student National Medical Association

Advisor – TBD

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.

42. Ultrasound Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Alfredo Tirado/Dr. Christine Bellew

The mission of the Ultrasound Interest Group is to educate and raise awareness about the techniques and applications of bedside ultrasound in medicine, to promote the integration of ultrasound in medical school curriculums, and to offer resources, support, and mentorship in ultrasound education. We serve to provide hands-on ultrasound experience to interested medical students to attain a better understanding of human anatomy, physiology, and pathology with the goal of strengthening skills in diagnosis and treatment.

43. VSIG – Vascular Surgery Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Frederick Fisher

To provide medical students with the knowledge, skills and professional opportunities to become the future leaders of vascular surgery by creating an organization that provides information, opportunities, mentorship and a forum of free inquiry to support those with a committed or exploratory interest in vascular surgery or related specialties.

44. WMS – Wilderness Medical Society

Advisor – Dr. Martin Klapheke

Founded in 1983, the Wilderness Medical Society (WMS) is the world's leading organization devoted to wilderness medical challenges. Wilderness medicine topics include expedition and disaster medicine, dive medicine, search and rescue, altitude illness, cold- and heat-related illness, wilderness trauma, and wild animal attacks. The goals of the Wilderness Medical Society will be to explore health risks and safety issues in extreme situations such as mountains, jungles, deserts, caves, marine environments, and space and to foster an appreciation and respect for natural spaces.