



50 MD – RECOGNIZED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS OF UCF COM

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1. AIM – Arts in Medicine

Advisor – Dr. Juan Cendan

Group Email – ucfaim@gmail.com

Mission: The mission of Arts in Medicine (AIM) is to provide opportunities for students, faculty, and staff at the University of Central Florida's 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Literary Arts Chair, Creative Director, Performing Arts Chair, Publicity/Treasurer

2. AMA/FMA – MSS – American Medical Association/Florida Medical Association – Medical Student Section

Advisor – Dr. Virgil Dawson

Group Email – ucfcom.ama.fma@gmail.com

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

Executive Board Positions: Chair, FMA/AMA Delegate, Treasurer, Secretary

3. AMSA – American Medical Student Association

Advisor – Dr. Marcy Verduin

Group Email – ucfcomamsa1@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

4. AMWA – American Medical Women's Association

Advisor – Dr. Lori Boardman

Group Email – amwa.ucfcom@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

5. AWS – Association of Women Surgeons

Advisor – TBA

Group Email – ucfcom.aws@gmail.com

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

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaison

6. BEME – Biomedical Ethics in Medical Education

Advisor – Dr. Sergio Salazar

Group Email – BEMEucom@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Publicity/Treasurer, Secretary

7. BoM – Business of Medicine

Advisor – Dr. Michael Ziebelman

Group Email – bom.ucfmed@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

8. CCC – Chapman Compassionate Care

Advisor – Dr. Caridad Hernandez

Group Email – ucfcccare@gmail.com

Mission: To empower and support the homeless community by bridging the gap between its unmet healthcare needs and providers, and to foster an attitude of compassionate care in developing physicians.

9. CMA – Catholic Medical Association

Advisor – Dr. Collen Moran-Bano

Group Email – board@ucfcatholics.org

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

10. COG – Careers in Oncology

Advisor – Dr. Priya Vishnubhotla

Group Email – careers.in.oncology@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Community Service Chair

11. DIG – Dermatology Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Jeffery Greenwald

Group Email – ucfderminterest@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaison

12. EIG – Epidemiology Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Salhem Rahmen

Group Email – UCFEpidemiologyInterest@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Event Coordinator

13. EMIG – Emergency Medicine Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Jay Ladde

Group Email – ucf.emig@gmail.com

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

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Events/Research Coordinator, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaison

14. ENT – Otolaryngology Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Michael Seidman

Group Email – ucfcom.ent@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaison

15. FMIG – Family Medicine Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Magdalena Pasarica

Group Email – UCFFMIG@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, FAFP Student Director, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaison

16. Hand in Hand – A significant other, spouse and family support group for students in the UCF COM M.D program

Advisor – Zoe Brown-Weissmann & Allison Kommer

Group Email – TBA

Mission: Our Mission is to establish a foundation of support to the families of all UCF COM students. The Hand in Hand organization will provide guidance, resources, and insight into the M1-M4 years, and will create a safe space for significant others to build relationships in which families can support one another through the graduate medical education journey.

Executive Board Positions: Varying Liaison positions

17. HI – Healthcare Innovations

Advisor – Dr. Mariana Dangiolo

Group Email – Hlucfcom@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

18. HoM – History of Medicine

Advisor – Dr. Saad Shaikh

Group Email – Hom.ucfcom@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

19. IMIG – Internal Medicine Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Abdo Asmar

Group Email – UCFIMIG@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, President of Research, Treasurer, Secretary

20. KNIGHTS Clinic – Keeping Neighbors In Good Health Through Service

Advisor – Dr. Magdalena Pasarica

Group Email – Knightsclinic@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: Clinic Directors, Care Coordinators, Volunteer Coordinators, EC/MR Positions, Pharmacy Coordinators, Lab Coordinators, Finance/Fundraising Coordinators, Accounting Coordinator, Patient Educators, Physician Referral Coordinators, EMR Coordinators, Research Coordinators, Quality Control Coordinator, medPACT Liaison

21. LGBTQ+ Medical Student Allies

Advisor – Dr. Lindsay Taliaferro & Bee Khallouq

Group Email – ucfcom.lgbtmedstudentsallies@gmail.com

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

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

22. MAS – Medical Anesthesiology Society

Advisor – Dr. Ralin Yang & Dr. Tejash Dunganani

Group Email – ucfcom.mas@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaison

23. MCO – Medical Campus Outreach

Advisor – Dr. Brandon Carr

Group Email – ucfmco@gmail.com

Mission: TBA

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Director of Outreach

24. M&H – Medicine & Horsemanship

Advisor – Dr. Sarah Gibson

Group Email – medicineandhorsemanship@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaison

25. medPACt – Medical Students Providing Across Continents

Advisor – Dr. Judith Simms-Cendan

Group Email – board@ucfglobalhealth.org

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: Executive Director, Directors of Service, Director of Finance, Director of Education, Director of Records, Conference Directors, Research Chair, Research Committee Members

26. MI – Medical Informatics

Advisor – Dr. David Lebowitz

Group Email – ucfmedical@gmail.com

Mission: Improve health through informatics education, science and practice. The Medical Informatics group aims to lead the way in transforming health care through trusted science, education, and the practice of informatics. The goal is to connect a broad community of professionals and students interested in informatics and to be the bridge for knowledge and collaboration across a continuum, from basic and applied research to the consumer and public health arenas.

MI's program and services are centered on core purposes to:

- advance the science & profession of informatics and promote the education of informatics
- assure that health information technology is used most effectively to promote health and health care
- provide services for our members such as networking and opportunities for professional development

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

27. MiM – Movement is Medicine

Advisor – TBA

Group Email – TBA

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaison

28. Mission Nutrition

Advisor – Dr. Jacquelyn Nyenhuis

Group Email – missionnutritionucf@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, M3 Liaison

29. MMIG – Military Medicine Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Richard Pepler

Group Email – UCFMMIG@gmail.com

Mission: The mission of the Military Medicine Interest Group is to serve the American people with integrity and honor as medical students, leaders, and officers of the United States Armed Forces.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Air Force, Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Navy, M4 Liaison

30. OGIG – Obstetrics Gynecology Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Judith Simms-Cendan

Group Email – ucfcomogig@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Reproductive Health Interest, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaison

31. OIG – Ophthalmology Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Mehul Patel

Group Email – ucfcomoig@gmail.com

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

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, M3 Liaison

32. OSMIG – Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. John Kirkpatrick

Group Email – ucfosmig@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Community Outreach Chair

33. PIG – Pediatric Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Collen Moran-Bano

Group Email – pigucfcom@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Directors of Special Events, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaison

34. PMAG – Preventative Medicine and Aging Group

Advisor – Dr. Mariana Dangiolo

Group Email – ucfpmag@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

35. PMSIG – Pathology Medical Student Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Manette Monroe

Group Email – UCFPathologyInterest@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaison

36. PRSIG – Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Adam Oppenheimer & Dr. David Plank

Group Email – TBA

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaison

37. PSG - Peer Support Group

Advisor – Dr. Katherine Daly & Allison Kommer

Group Email – TBA

Mission: The purpose of the Peer Support Program (PSP) is to build on students' interviewing and empathy skills to create another layer of medical student support. It is common knowledge to those both inside and outside of medical school that the demands and quantity of information is high for students seeking to become physicians. As the body of scientific knowledge grows and the demands for students increase, stress is a virtually unavoidable result. If the amount of time allotted students to learn does not increase and the amount of information does not decrease, more effort must be placed in guiding students to healthy coping mechanisms and general support in real time. PSP will provide medical students (M1-M4 years) the opportunity to seek non-judgmental, same day support from a peer medical student (typically in the class above or higher) for issues central to the stressors of medical school and issues peripheral to these stressors. PSP is meant to provide non-continuous support to students who feel the need to talk to someone. Because PSP members are not licensed counselors, PSP is not a formal counseling program. As a result, it is not meant to replace regular counseling sessions. We hope that this is one more step of many more in improving the already robust student support services here at the College of Medicine.

Executive Board Positions: Varying Liaison positions

38. PsychSIGN

Advisor – Dr. Anuja Mehta

Group Email – ucfcompsychsign@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Publicity/Treasurer, Secretary

39. RHIG – Reproductive Health Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Georgine Lamvu

Group Email – ucfreproductivehealth@gmail.com

Mission: Reproductive Health Interest Group represents the Medical Students for Choice chapter at UCF COM, a national organization dedicated to training medical students on reproductive health and family planning through community awareness and educational events.

Executive Board Positions: Director, Co-Director, National Coordinator & Resource Manager, Community Outreach Coordinator, Director of Education & Curriculum Reform, Upper-class Coordinator

40. RIG – Radiology Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Craig Johnson

Group Email – rig.ucf.med@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaisons

41. RMSA – Rising Medical Scholars Association

Advisor – Dr. Shiva Kalidini

Group Email – ucfrmsa@gmail.com

Mission: The mission of the *Rising Medical Scholars Association* is to spark interest and cultivate passion for science and medicine among the next generation of health scholars.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Event Coordinator

42. SIAM – Students Interest in Academic Medicine

Advisor – Dr. Abdo Asmar

Group Email – siam.ucfmed@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaison

43. SIG – Surgery Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Juan Cendan

Group Email – ucfsurgery@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

44. SIGN – Student Interest Group in Neurology

Advisor – Dr. James Sanders

Group Email – UCF.COM.NEURO@gmail.com

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

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaison

45. SNMA – Student National Medical Association

Advisor – Ethel Smith

Group Email – SNMAatUCF@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President of Underrepresented Community Outreach, Vice President of Academic Minority Enrichment, Treasurer, Secretary, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaison

46. UIG – Urology Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Hubert Swana

Group Email – ucf.uig@gmail.com

Mission: UIG mission is to expose UCF medical students and premedical students to the subspecialty field of Urology. We will aim to spark interest in urology, connect students with potential mentors and research projects, and support those applying to Urology residency.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, M3 Liaison, M4 Liaison

47. USIG – Ultrasound Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Alfredo Tirado & Dr. Christine Kauffman

Group Email – usigucf@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President of Education, Vice President of Service, Treasurer, Secretary

48. VSIG – Vascular Surgery Interest Group

Advisor – Dr. Frederick Fisher

Group Email – ucfcomvsig@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

49. WMS – Wilderness Medical Society

Advisor – Dr. Martin Klapheke

Group Email – ucf.wildernessmedicine@gmail.com

Mission: 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.

Executive Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

50. M.D. Student Council*

Advisors – Casey Smith & Soraya Smith

Group Emails:

M2 Student Council – UCFCOMSGA2021@gmail.com

Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary