Our Mission

Our mission is to promote the knowledge and methods necessary to improve the quality of healthcare for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Past Events: Intro to Applied Behavioral Analysis and Behavioral Therapy Talk

Group Email: AADMD.ucfcom@gmail.com

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Daniel Topping
The mission of Arts in Medicine is to provide opportunities for students, faculty, and staff at University of Central Florida College of Medicine to actively integrate the arts and sciences. Members will be presented with volunteer 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. Furthermore, 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.

PAST EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES:
Open Mic night, Annual Winter Showcase, publishing of The Script, The Flatliners A Capella group performances

GROUP EMAIL: ucfaim@gmail.com

CO-FACULTY ADVISORS:
Natasha Williams
Dr. Katherine Daly
The American Medical Association/Florida Medical Association (AMA/FMA) is an association that is dedicated to representing medical students, improving medical education, developing leadership, and promoting activism for the health of America. This organization helps unite all physicians throughout the nation in order to work collectively on critical public health issues, as well as better the public health system through leadership, initiative, hard work, and integrity.

Our mission:

Group Email: ucfcom.ama.fma@ucf.edu
AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

OUR 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 health advocates.

Past activities:
- Coffee at the COM (with Pre-AMSA)
- White Coat embroidery drive
- Doctor's Bag distribution

For more than 60 years, the American Medical Student Association has been committed to improving medical training and advancing the profession of medicine. AMSA members include medical and premedical students, residents and practicing physicians. They are future physician leaders who believe that health professionals and patients are partners in the management and maintenance of health, and that access to high-quality health care is a right and not a privilege.

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Our Mission

The mission of American Medical Women’s Association is to advocate for the advancement of women in medicine and for the improvement of women’s health. The UCF COM chapter of AMWA upholds this mission through collaborative opportunities with physicians, residents, medical students and pre-medical students.

AMWA is the oldest multi-specialty organization dedicated to advancing women in medicine and improving women’s health.

Past Events
Domestic Violence Survivor Panel interview with TikTok Dr. Vicki Chan, mentoring with the pre-medical UCF AMWA Chapter

Group Email: AMWA.UCFCOM@gmail.com

National Website: www.amwa-doc.org

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Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA)

Our Mission:
To address the unique health challenges of Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) communities. APAMSA also serves as a way for you and your fellow classmates to engage in these health issues and develop initiatives and projects addressing those needs.

Past Events: Anti-Asian Violence Panel

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TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT WOMEN INTERESTED IN SURGICAL SPECIALTIES! AWS COORDINATES NETWORKING EVENTS, SHADOWING OPPORTUNITIES, SUTURE CLINICS, AND OR (OPERATING ROOM) ETIQUETTE CLASSES. AWS ALSO HOSTS PANELS OF SURGICAL RESIDENTS, SURGEONS, AND M3-M4 STUDENTS. IN ADDITION, AWS WAS RECENTLY INVOLVED IN PLANNING THE WOMEN IN SURGERY CAREER SYMPOSIUM WHICH IS A NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM GEARED TOWARD EMPOWERING WOMEN SURGEONS TO BECOME LEADERS IN THEIR FIELD. IN SHORT, AWS PROVIDES ITS MEMBERS WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF RESOURCES TO HELP WITH NETWORKING AS WELL AS PLANNING MEDICAL SCHOOL AND RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU THIS FALL TO OUR CHAPTER OF AWS!

GROUP EMAIL: UCFCOM.AWS@GMAIL.COM

NATIONAL WEBSITE: WWW.WOMENSURGEONS.ORG

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PAST EVENTS & PARTNERSHIPS:
UNKNOWN CASE SERIES W/CPS,
RESIDENCY & CLERKSHIP PANELS, CONGENITAL CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY TALK W/ DR. NELSON,
SPECIALTY SPEED DATING W/ DR. WEI

ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN SURGEONS
AWS

OUR MISSION:

WWW.WOMENSURGEONS.ORG
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.

PAST EVENTS
OPENING & MANAGING YOUR OWN ER HOSTED WITH EMIG

GROUP EMAIL:
UCF.BOM@GMAIL.COM

FACULTY ADVISOR:
DR. MICHAEL ZIEBELMAN

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PAST EVENTS
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OUR MISSION:
To impact the health and well-being of persons who are homeless and/or medically vulnerable by bridging the gap between their unmet healthcare needs and clinical services, and to foster an attitude of compassionate, patient-centered care in developing physicians.

PAST ACTIVITIES:
Monthly skin and wound care clinic in downtown Orlando

FACULTY ADVISOR:
Dr. Caridad Hernandez

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INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? CONTACT US AT UCFCCCARE@GMAIL.COM
The Critical Care Medicine Interest Group (CCMIG) aims to provide a variety of enriching opportunities for COM students to be exposed to the field of Critical Care Medicine. We will be hosting multiple events throughout the year, including various skills clinics, case simulations, guest speakers and co-meetings with the Emergency Medicine and Ultrasound interest groups. Two of our board members have extensive critical care experience and look forward to hosting some great events this year so we can share our knowledge with you. We strive to bolster the events that have led to CCMIG's growth and find new and exciting ones that foster student interest in Critical Care Medicine.

PAST EVENTS

Matching into critical care panel, critical care in a pandemic discussion, solving clinical scenarios w/the Medical Anesthesiology Society (MAS), and careers in critical care and palliative medicine

GROUP EMAIL ucfccmig@gmail.com

FACULTY ADVISOR Dr. Feroza Daroowalla
Cardiology Interest Group

Our Mission:
To educate and expose students to the different career opportunities and specialties within the field of cardiology, to provide opportunities for learning different skills within the field of cardiology, and to advocate for heart-healthy lifestyles and long-term preventative care.

Past Events:
Annual Cardio-Pulm Review session; guest lectures in pediatric interventional cardio

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Group Email:
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Faculty Advisor:
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THE MISSION OF CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IS TO HELP STUDENTS GROW IN THEIR FAITH AND COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AND COMPASSION. THROUGH ST. THOMAS AQUINAS FREE MEDICAL CLINIC, WE HOPE TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO SERVICE AND COMPASSION THROUGHOUT THEIR MEDICAL EDUCATION BY HELPING PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE TO THE UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN OSCEOLA COUNTY.

WHILE WE ARE A CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION, PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS AND BACKGROUNDS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

PAST EVENTS & PARTNERSHIPS:
CHALLENGES TO FAITH IN PEDS PANEL, PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE PANEL, BACCALAUREATE MASS | THE ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CLINIC

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OUR MISSION:
To educate students and raise awareness about the different career opportunities in oncology, including hematology-oncology, surgical-oncology, radiation-oncology, pathology, pediatric-oncology, and research, while encouraging members to develop lasting relationships with the cancer community.

OUR GOALS:
To educate members, the student body, and community on the effects of oncology on patients and their families; raise awareness about cancer and its prevention and treatment; fundraise money for our organization and community; foster strong relationships with patients and community oncologists; nurture an interest in oncology research amongst the students; and help create a network of peer support for patients suffering from cancer.

PAST EVENTS:
Relay for Life, Journey of an Oncology patient talk, Social Workers in Oncology lecture, Radiation Oncology, Hospice & Palliative Care talk w/ Dr. Stripp

FACULTY ADVISOR:
Dr. Priya Vishnubhotla

GROUP EMAIL:
ucfoncology@gmail.com
OUR MISSION:
As a group we aim to help medical students discover the importance of clinical reasoning and creating diagnostic schema through collective collaboration. We hope to establish an environment in which having a knowledge gap is an opportunity for learning, and not a point of weakness. We hope to help everyone here at the COM develop their clinical problem-solving abilities and learn from practicing physicians how to go about solving cases.

PAST ACTIVITIES:
Solving cases in real time: internal medicine with Dr. Asmar, pediatric emergencies with Dr. Kalidindi, and emergency medicine with Dr. Carr

Feel free to reach out to our email for more information. We look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming year!

CONNECT WITH OUR GROUP AT UCF.CPS@GMAIL.COM
TO CULTIVATE INTEREST AND OPPORTUNITIES IN DERMATOLOGY AT THE UCF COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, AND TO ENCOURAGE DERMATOLOGIC HEALTH IN THE GREATER ORLANDO COMMUNITY. AS A SPECIALTY, DERMATOLOGY IS EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE, AND DIG IS POISED TO PROVIDE MENTORSHIP, LEADERSHIP, VOLUNTEERING, AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN PURSUING THIS CAREER PATH.

PAST EVENTS

BIPSY & SUTURE CLINICS, SKIN CARE SCREENINGS, M4 PANELS, JOURNAL CLUB, PREPARING FOR RESIDENCY Q&AS, PATHOLOGY OF COMMON SKIN LESIONS DISCUSSION WITH DR. ZAYAT, AND MOHS SURGERY TALK WITH DR. WEINSTEIN

GROUP EMAIL: UCFDERMINTEREST@GMAIL.COM

FACULTY ADVISOR
DR. JEFFERY GREENWALD
Engineering in Medicine

Our Mission:
The mission of Engineering in Medicine is to educate future medical doctors on engineering and its relationship to medicine.

Past Events:
- Engineering in medicine with Dr. Shmaan
- Guest lecture with Denver Faulk, bioengineer at Philips Respironics with a focus on biocompatibility

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Group Email: eim.ucfcom@gmail.com
Faculty Advisor: TBD

EIM
EMIG
EMERGENCY MEDICINE INTEREST GROUP

OUR MISSION:
To provide a variety of enriching opportunities for COM students to be exposed to the field of Emergency Medicine.

We will be hosting multiple events throughout the year, including various skills clinics, medical coverage at large local events, case simulations, guest speakers and joint meetings with the Critical Care and Ultrasound interest groups.

We strive to bolster the events that have led to EMIG’s growth and find new and exciting ones that foster student interest in Emergency Medicine.

PAST EVENTS:
Disaster preparedness Q&A, ORMC Resident AMA, Code Sim, pediatric trauma talk, M4 student panels, and Electronic Daisy Carnival volunteering

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FACULTY ADVISOR
Our Mission

To create a community of students interested in ENT and to provide resources that allow them to explore their interests in a fun, engaging, and beneficial way.

Past Events: How to Create a Strong ERAS Application w/ Dr. Cervantes, USF ENT Resident AMA, Specialty Speed Dating

Group Email: UCF.ENTIG@gmail.com

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FAMILY MEDICINE INTEREST GROUP

FMIG

OUR MISSION:
To provide UCF COM students with insight and opportunities in the field of family medicine through written materials, networking, and local, state, and national conferences; allowing students to learn more about FM and fostering a desire to become a family medicine physician. Feel free to email us with any questions. We look forward to seeing you!

We are excited to get to know you in the upcoming year and sincerely hope that our organization will serve to encourage your interest in the diverse field of family medicine.

GROUP EMAIL: UCFFMIG@GMAIL.COM

FACULTY ADVISOR: DR. MAGDALENA PASARICA

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PAST EVENTS & PARTNERSHIPS:
Succeeding in private practice panel, sports medicine talk with Dr. Falk, Specialty Speed Dating | Florida Academy of Family Physicians (FAFP)
Our Mission

Reflects that of the National GSSA Organization, which is “to educate, inspire, and unite students through engagement and mentorship in global surgery, including anesthesia & OB/GYN.”

Group Email

UCFLGBALSURGERY@GMAIL.COM

National Website

WWW.GLOBALSURGERYSTUDENTS.ORG

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HEALTHCARE INNOVATIONS HI

OUR MISSION:
To provide a forum for medical students to be at forefront of medical innovation and brainstorm ideas and use creative thinking for generating solutions to current pressing healthcare problems.

PAST EVENTS:
Telemedicine applications in a surgical world talk, telemedicine simulation with standardized patients: conducting physical exam techniques remotely, and the impact of direct-pay clinics discussion w/ Dr. Tori Muzzonigro

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Our mission:
To improve the health literacy of our nation's adolescents by teaching a proven curriculum designed to increase healthcare knowledge and promote self-advocacy. We hope to inspire the next generation of adults to be more involved in their own healthcare and become more knowledgeable in order to promote wellness through education.

Group email: ucfhealthliteracy@gmail.com
Our Mission


Past Events

GUEST SPEAKERS, LUNCH PANELS, AND DOCUMENTARY VIEWINGS,

THIS YEAR HOM HOPES TO HOST TRIPS TO VARIOUS LOCAL HISTORY AND ART MUSEUMS, SUCH AS THE BRONZE KINGDOM AFRICAN ART GALLERY, ORLANDO HISTORY CENTER, AND ORLANDO MUSEUM OF ART.

Group Email & Faculty Advisor

HISTORY.UCFCOM@GMAIL.COM
DR. SAAD SHAIKH
INTERNAL MEDICINE INTEREST GROUP
IMIG

OUR MISSION:
TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO EXPLORE INTERNAL MEDICINE AND ITS SUBSPECIALTIES.
IMIG WILL HOST TALKS BY PHYSICIANS FROM UCF AND LOCAL HOSPITALS ALONG WITH INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS TO HELP PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT INTERNAL MEDICINE.

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PAST EVENTS:
JOURNAL CLUB, M4 AMA RESIDENCY PANELS, SPECIALTY SPEED DATING, ADVANCE DIRECTIVES TALK, ERAS ADVICE WITH DR. ASMAR

GROUP EMAIL:
UCFIMIG@GMAIL.COM

FACULTY ADVISOR:
DR. ABDO ASMAR
Interventional Radiology Interest Group

IRIG

Our Mission:
To educate medical students about the field of interventional radiology, connect students with mentors and research opportunities, guide applicants through the residency application process, and foster interest in this field.

Group Email: ucf.irig@gmail.com

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Faculty Advisor: Dr. Raphael Yoo
We are a Jewish medical student organization that hosts events and activities related to Judaism. We have events celebrating holidays that include a Yom Kippur breakfast, a Hanukkah party, and Shabbat dinner.

We also organize community involvement through programs, such as “Rent a Bubby,” where we go to the local elderly community and spend quality time with our elders. This organization is a fun way to connect with your Jewish peers while also getting involved in the community. We are excited for you to come check out what we are all about!

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Connect with us at ucfjusm@gmail.com
The clinic is coordinated by medical students at UCF COM and staffed by student and physician volunteers from all areas of study, including medical, nursing, undergraduate, and graduate students, working in interdisciplinary teams alongside community collaborators and under the guided supervision of licensed practitioners. We serve Orlando and neighboring communities through direct health care services, health promotion, disease prevention, social support, case management, and appropriate referrals to medical and social resources in the community. Constantly improving, we launch approximately ten quality improvement projects each year and integrate continuous surveying for: patient satisfaction, prevention measure, performance and student learning metrics. The KNIGHTS Clinic is funded by a grant from the Diebel Legacy Fund at Central Florida Foundation.
OUR MISSION:
THE MISSION OF LIFE BEYOND RESIDENCY IS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL STUDENTS WITH INSIGHT INTO THE NUMEROUS POSSIBILITIES THEY HAVE IN THE FASCINATING AND DIVERSE WORLD OF MEDICINE FOLLOWING RESIDENCY.

PAST EVENTS:
TALK WITH JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS TEAM PHYSICIAN AND ORTHO SURGEON DR. KAPLAN AND NEUROLOGY COURT WITNESS DISCUSSION WITH DR. SILLIMAN

GROUP EMAIL: LBRUCF@GMAIL.COM

FACULTY ADVISOR: DR. CHRIS GALLAGHER

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**OUR MISSION:**
To instill a culture of openness and discussion at UCF College of Medicine. As physicians we play an important role in supporting the growth and development of others. Part of our role is to provide a safe and affirming environment to discuss sexual orientation, gender identities and expression. Through outreach, partnership with LGBTQ of Orlando, advocacy, and competency building workshops, we hope to raise awareness among the student population towards the needs of the LGBTQ community. In addition, we hope to facilitate an environment that welcomes diversity.

**PAST EVENTS:**
Practicing with Pride BBQ, Transgender Standardized Patient Encounter, Queer perspectives in healthcare panel, Pulse & BLM memorial, and domestic violence panel

**GROUP EMAIL:**
ucfcom.lgbtmedstudentallies@gmail.com

**FACULTY ADVISOR:**
Dr. Lindsay Taliaferro
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LMIG
LIFESTYLE MEDICINE INTEREST GROUP

Our mission:
TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPECIALTY OF LIFESTYLE MEDICINE AND EDUCATE MEMBERS ABOUT EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE OF HELPING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ADOPT AND SUSTAIN HEALTHY BEHAVIORS THAT IMPROVE HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE.

Past Events:
PLANT BASED DIETS IN MANAGING CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE, BETTER NIGHTS SLEEP WORKSHOP, CONCIERGE LIFESTYLE MEDICINE TALK WITH DR. TASCHNER, TACO TUESDAY PLANT BASED COOKING DEMO

Group Email: UCFLIFESTYLEMEDICINE@OUTLOOK.COM

National Website: WWW.LIFESTYLEMEDICINE.ORG
OUR MISSION:
To unify and support underrepresented minority students and patients through scholarship, leadership, and service. This group is committed to promoting increased acceptance of Latinx medical students and faculty who can improve the patient care of the underserved Latino/a community in the greater Orlando area through cultural congruence and patient advocacy. By fostering a stronger Latinx community, we strive to expand diversity at the University of Central Florida.

PAST EVENTS:
Nuestras Raíces: Stories from our Latinx faculty and LatinxMedX panel + Q&A

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FACULTY ADVISORS:
Drs. Analia Castiglioni & Caridad Hernandez

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICERS
TO EDUCATE AND SPREAD AWARENESS ABOUT THE MEDICAL FIELD OF ANESTHESIA. EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD THAT INCORPORATE VALUABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROFESSION AND INTEGRATE INTERACTIVE PARTICIPATION. THE MAS ORGANIZATION WILL STRIVE TO PROVIDE HANDS ON LEARNING EXPERIENCE FROM TRAINED PHYSICIANS IN THE FIELD OF ANESTHESIA TO FOSTER INTEREST IN THE FIELD.

PAST EVENTS:
M4 STUDENT PANELS, RESIDENCY DIRECTOR PANELS, DEBUNKING MISCONCEPTIONS TALK, SPECIALTY SPEED DATING

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FACULTY ADVISORS:
DRS. RELIN YANG & NICHOLAS NEDEFF

OUR MISSION:

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Medical Campus Outreach

MCO

Our Mission:
To provide a space for fellowship and rest among all medical students, regardless of religious affiliations. It doesn't matter if you're a devout Christian, actively seeking/questioning various theological frameworks, or a practicing Hindu who's looking for no more than good food and company—we would love for you to join us.

On a broader scale, Medical Campus Outreach is a nondenominational Christian community of medical, pharmacy, and other health care students and professionals. Through large and small group meetings, social events, retreats, and mission trips, participants are invited to explore and integrate Biblical principles in the practice of health care.

Past Events:
Bible study, group dinners, and Medical Mission trip to Ethiopia info and planning sessions

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Faculty Advisor:
Dr. David Goodman

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Our Mission

To work to establish an awareness of the ways genetics and genomics are becoming integral parts of clinical care across different specialties. Our group will strive to inform students on career pathways for medical genetics residencies and/or fellowships, the latest advances in genomics research, and the impact genetics research has had on public health. Furthermore, we will work to establish a network between students and genetic health professionals within our community. Ultimately, we believe that all medical students, regardless of their chosen career path, stand to benefit from a deeper knowledge of genetics and genomics and the ways that it is reshaping the practice of medicine.

Past Events:
We are a brand new organization at COM! Please join us as we grow and carry out our mission at COM and beyond!

Group Email:
MEDGENKNIGHTS@GMAIL.COM

Faculty Advisor:
Dr. Jane Gibson
MedPACt (Medical Students Providing Care Across Continents) is an organization dedicated to providing education and mentoring for students to become actively engaged within communities of need both locally and abroad, and to promote awareness and participation in improving the health-related needs of people throughout the world.

MedPACt coordinates a variety of opportunities to get hands on experience and involved with global health initiatives such as the Spanish Lunch Hour, Annual Global Health Conference, and volunteering at the Apopka Farmworker’s Clinic. Pre-COVID, MedPACt has also coordinated a trip to volunteer at the Yantalo Clinic in Peru.

Connect with us at MedPACt@ucf.edu

Interim Faculty Advisor: Dr. Analia Castiglioni
MOVEMENT IS MEDICINE

OUR MISSION:
To provide opportunities for students, faculty, and staff at the University of Central Florida's College of Medicine to stay active and promote community through exercise and wellness. Members will be provided with opportunities to participate in sports and activities both within the College of Medicine and out in the community. Through these opportunities, Movement is Medicine will enrich the community and promote health through movement.

ACTIVITIES:
Soccer, beach volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, running, and table tennis

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Intramural sports, a table tennis tournament, field day and more!

FACULTY ADVISOR:
TBA

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WE’RE EXCITED TO HAVE YOU JOIN US. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN MILITARY MEDICINE (E.G. HPSP, PAST MILITARY EXPERIENCE, ETC.), THIS IS THE PLACE FOR YOU! WE HOLD PERIODIC MEETINGS TO GET TO KNOW EVERYONE AND INVITE PANELISTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EXCITING LIFE OF MILITARY DOCTORS.

OUR MISSION:

PAST EVENTS:
VETERANS PANEL ON PTSD W/ PSYCHSIGN, M4 PANEL ON MILITARY MATCH

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Our Mission

TO EDUCATE INTERESTED MEDICAL STUDENTS ABOUT THE FIELD OF NEUROSURGERY, PERTAINING TO RESIDENCY, RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE VARIOUS SUBSPECIALTIES IN THIS VAST FIELD OF MEDICINE.

PAST EVENTS:
USF RESIDENCY Q&A, M4 STUDENT PANEL, PROGRAM DIRECTOR Q&A

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OPHTHALMOLOGY INTEREST GROUP

OUR MISSION:
THIS GROUP FOCUSES ON EDUCATING STUDENTS AND RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THE FIELD OF OPHTHALMOLOGY AND PROMOTING MEDICAL STUDENT INTERACTIONS WITH OPHTHALMOLOGY FACULTY.

PAST EVENTS:
SLIT LAMP WORKSHOP AT UCF HEALTH W/DR. PATEL, M4 STUDENT PANEL, INTRO TO OPHTHO

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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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**
We are planning several events for this academic year including a Papaya clinic, which is a reproductive workshop in which you will learn how to perform IUD insertion on papayas, as well as a specialty panel with several sub-specialists in OB/GYN. These events will give you valuable insight into the versatility of the field of OB/GYN, as well as several opportunities to network with very successful local medical professionals!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us! Best of luck with HB1!

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**FACULTY ADVISOR:** Dr. Donna Boucher
OUR MISSION:
To inform students interested in pursuing a career in orthopedic surgery & sports medicine on current topics, medical practices, and physician lifestyle associated with the field. We give students the opportunity to network with orthopedic and sports medicine groups at events and workshops to provide an opportunity to connect with physicians practicing in the field.
We also manage the OSAT - Orthopedic surgery Advising Track.

PAST EVENTS:
Careers in sports medicine talk, the role of prosthetics in the care of orthopedic patients discussion, M4 student Q&A, and residency panels.

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FACULTY ADVISOR:
Dr. John Kirkpatrick
PEDIATRIC INTEREST GROUP
PIG

OUR MISSION:
To educate medical students about the science and art of pediatric medicine. PIG offers a place for students interested in pediatric medicine to learn more about what it means to be a pediatrician or pediatric specialist and what issues are present in the field. PIG allows students to foster relationships with like-minded peers, faculty members, and community physicians.

PAST EVENTS:
Child advocacy talk, M4 student panel, Peds rotations Q&A, Pediatric Surgery w/ Dr. Fagan, Peds Urology w/ Dr. Swana, Florida Diabetes Camp volunteering, Teddy Bear Toy Drive, and Arts & Crafts night at Nemours.

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FACULTY ADVISOR:
Dr. Colleen Moran-Bano
Preventive Medicine & Aging Group

Our Mission:
To explore disease prevention strategies through methods such as immunization, healthy diet, lifestyle choices, and community health. As future doctors, especially in Florida, we aim to focus these strategies not only toward the general population, but to the geriatric population as well, as this population will likely comprise a significant portion of our practice. Our mission is aimed at designing measures to avoid the development of risk factors in the first place in order to prevent the occurrence of associated diseases both in the present and later on in life. We aim to involve ourselves in the medical community to disseminate necessary information regarding unique approaches to disease prevention and to empower patients to proactively take charge of their own health.

Past Events:
Lunch n Learn with Cornerstone Hospice and Being Mortal documentary education on palliative care; Organizing COVID relief supplies for community clinics

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Past Events:
Lunch n Learn with Cornerstone Hospice and Being Mortal documentary education on palliative care; Organizing COVID relief supplies for community clinics
OUR MISSION:
TO SPREAD KNOWLEDGE TO THE UCF COLLEGE OF MEDICINE STUDENT BODY REGARDING THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION. BY PROVIDING A PLATFORM OF OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION, WE HOPE TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO MAKE A PROPERLY INFORMED DECISION REGARDING THEIR FUTURE CAREER(S).

PAST EVENTS:
A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PM&R PHYSICIAN PANEL, AND PM&R CAREERS

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PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY INTEREST GROUP

OUR MISSION:
To provide exposure for students early in their medical education to the field of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. We want to impart fundamental knowledge about Plastic Surgery and all its disciplines, including craniofacial, hand, reconstruction, microsurgery, and aesthetics. We also hope to dispel any stereotypes or misconceptions about the field. We hope to promote relationships between students and faculty to create opportunities for research. We will provide a comprehensive overview on how to obtain a residency in the highly competitive field of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
We’ll be getting insight into OR etiquette, and plastic surgeons of various specialties will be coming in to speak to give us highly valuable advice regarding the field of plastic surgery. We will also be teaming up with the other surgical interest groups to plan suture clinics!
PSYCHIATRY STUDENT INTEREST GROUP NETWORK

Our mission:

To create a network of medical students interested in psychiatry, from those with a rough interest in the brain and mind to those already in the residency application and match process. We aim to provide opportunities for students, faculty, and staff at the COM to actively learn more about the field of psychiatry. PsychSIGN also connects students interested in psychiatry to others across the country, from psychiatry residents to practicing psychiatrists from a broad range of subspecialties. We provide mentoring opportunities, resources for a career in psychiatry, and ideas for expanding your interest in psychiatry.

Past Events:
Panels, Psych Journal Club, Out of Darkness run team, suicide prevention events, APA conference and addiction specialist panels

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REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH INTEREST GROUP (RHIG)

**Our Mission:**
To provide the student body with opportunities to learn about family planning, contraceptive counseling, abortion procedures, and reproductive health legislation. Our goals are to spark student interest in reproductive health, inspire discussion around reproductive justice, and destigmatize abortion. We hope to accomplish these goals via informational lectures, skills workshops, advocacy panels, and community outreach events.

**Past Events:**
Planned Parenthood educational talk on women's health legislation, papaya abortion training workshop, OBGYN sub-specialists panel, reproductive health supplies drive, CNN documentary screening.

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**Faculty Advisor:**
Dr. Georgina Lamvu
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.

**Past Events:**
- How to be competitive in RADS, Q&A,
- Private practice Q&A, M4 panel,
- Program director panel, RADS lifestyle discussion

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To build a healthier generation of young adults through mental wellness education and reducing the stigma of mental health.

Please note that if you are interested in fostering discussions about mental health in local high schools, you will be required to complete a mental health first aid training, the details of which will be coming to you soon!

Past Events:
Volunteer trainings for working at local elementary and middle schools

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Dr. Katherine Daly
Our Mission

To foster community and support among medical students with disabilities and their allies and to encourage disability inclusion among healthcare professionals, as well as normalize accommodations for students with disabilities.

Our Goals

To create an inclusive community and support for students with disabilities and for students with family members or friends with disabilities and their allies.

To provide education to fellow classmates, faculty, and staff about disability inclusion in the medical community.

To provide information and resources to students with disabilities, as well as their allies.

To create a network for students with disabilities to engage with their peers and share knowledge about resources.

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Students Interested in Academic Medicine

SIAM

Our Mission:

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.

Past Events:

Valencia's Scientist-in-Residence Program and joint meetings with AMWA for a Q&A with Dean German on her journey in Academic Medicine

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Welcome to the UCF College of Medicine’s Surgery Interest Group! Throughout the coming year, SIG will focus on introducing students to all aspects of the field of surgery, enhancing resumes to increase student competitiveness for residency, and providing opportunities to meet local surgeons and to engage in research. From guest speakers and research presentations to suture clinics and robotic simulations, SIG will give medical students exposure to the field of surgery prior to the clinical years of medical school. SIG broadly encompasses all surgical specialties, including general, vascular, urology, etc., so we work and learn closely with other interest groups to maximize opportunities for learning and developing skills. We hope you will join us for our first meeting this semester, where you will meet the SIG board, as well as get a brief introduction to who we are as a group and how we can help you in your medical education.

Welcome to the UCF College of Medicine!

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OUR MISSION
To provide UCF COM students with a comprehensive look into surgical specialties. Aiming to cultivate interest in surgery by offering students opportunities to obtain some of the immense anatomical and clinical knowledge, precise surgical skills, and detailed understanding of the healthcare field required of a surgeon in any discipline. SIG serves to provide insight into each facet of surgical specialties through integrating informative events designed to illuminate the cutting-edge advances occurring in surgical techniques and technology, hands-on experiences to improve surgical skills, and interactive presentations given by some of the foremost leaders in numerous surgical disciplines.

PAST EVENTS
M4 panel, SIG journal discussion, Suture Clinics, Intro to Surgery Q&A, and General Surgery and Clerkship panel

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STUDENT INTEREST GROUP
IN NEUROLOGY
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OUR MISSION:
TO EXPLORE THE VARIOUS FACETS OF NEUROLOGICAL PRACTICE AND RESEARCH: FROM SUB-SPECIALTIES IN SLEEP MEDICINE, STROKE, MIGRAINE, DEMENTIA, TBI, NEUROPSYCH, AND PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY AND NEUROGENETICS TO MORE PHILOSOPHICAL QUANDARIES ON THE NEUROSCIENCE OF CONSCIOUSNESS, MEMORY, AND CREATIVE SELF-EXPRESSION.

PAST EVENTS:
JOURNAL CLUB MEETINGS, THE BRAIN AND SCIENCE OF MEDITATION AND COGNITIVE PSYCH OF IMAGINATION

UPCOMING EVENTS:
GUEST LECTURES, VOLUNTEERING AT LOCAL NEUROREHABILITATION CENTERS, DOCUMENTARY SCREENINGS, RESEARCH PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES, ATTENDING AND PRESENTING AT THE ANNUAL ANA MEETING

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OUR MISSION:
To support 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.

We accomplish this through fostering professional development, hosting educational workshops, engaging in community outreach, and collaborating with the physician workforce in the Central Florida community.

PAST EVENTS:
Rethinking social ethics in medicine, Pulse & BLM memorial and mural collaboration, Black physician panel, Alumni panel and applying into med school: a UCF undergrad mentorship program

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UROLOGY INTEREST GROUP

OUR MISSION:
To expose UCF medical students to the broad and diverse field of urology. We aim to spark interest in urology, connect students with potential mentors and research projects, and support those applying to urology residency.

PAST EVENTS:
Robotic surgery talk, Success in 3rd Year Clerkships panel, Pediatric Urology, and M4 student panel.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Guest lectures from local urologists and Program Director panels.

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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.

Past Events
SONOSLAM, ULTRASOUND IN PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY MEDICINE PANEL, AND ULTRASOUND PRACTICE CLINICS

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Vascular Surgery Interest Group

Our 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.

Past Events:
How to prepare yourself for residency panel, and Q&As with Dr. Fisher

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Our Mission

As a national organization working to dismantle racism in medicine and promote the health, well-being, and self-determination of Black and Indigenous people, and other people of color. At the UCF College of Medicine, WC4BL’s mission is to provide support to underrepresented minority students, address the needs of underserved communities, and help increase the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent, and socially conscious physicians.

Past Events

Rethinking Social Justice Panel, and Moment of Silence in Solidarity Event

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Faculty Advisor

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WILDERNESS MEDICAL SOCIETY

OUR MISSION
To advance healthcare, research and education related to wilderness medicine.

Wilderness Medicine is the study of acute care in austere and remote environments, often with limited access to medical resources, which forces one to think outside the luxurious box of the modern hospital. Members of the Wilderness Medical Society enjoy informational and hands-on instructional meetings about a variety of topics encompassed within wilderness medicine. That includes wilderness survival, wilderness emergencies and trauma management, dive medicine, land navigation, amateur radio, and more. Members also enjoy participating in various outdoor excursions such as hiking, kayaking, camping, and more.

PAST EVENTS
Altitude sickness talk, Climbing Around the World w/ Dr. Klapheke talk, nature hikes, and WMS conference

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Do you love the outdoors? Does medicine unconfined to the walls of a hospital or doctor’s office appeal to you? If so, then welcome! If you’re not sure but you’d like to find out, then welcome as well! Wilderness Medicine Society is the place for you.

Connect with us at ucf.wildernessmedicine@gmail.com!
PEER SUPPORT GROUP

OUR MISSION:
To provide a support system built by students for students, fostering compassion, humanism, and mental health awareness as individuals adjust to the various stages of medical school. PSP students receive training and tools with which to safely support their peers via walk-in hours and events. This group is advised by a licensed psychologist, and a licensed therapist is present for consultation.

PAST EVENTS:
Past events have included Spirit Day, Orientation Outreach, and tea/coffee with peer supporters around exams.

FACULTY ADVISORS:
Katherine Daly, PhD & Heather Rashal, LMHC
The Peer Support Program involves training M-2, M-3, and M-4 students in active listening, QPR suicide prevention, wellness and health promotion, and biofeedback and relaxation so that they may support their peers, especially M-1 students during the adjustment to medical school. Through December 2021, PSP walk-in hours are offered via Zoom on Tuesdays from 5-6 PM, and in-person on Thursdays from 5-6 PM. Future walk-in dates and times will be announced. A licensed therapist is still present for consultation if needed.