

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALISM ACTION COMMITTEE



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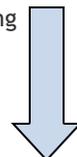
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We aim to change how future physicians interact by promoting:

- Professionalism over commercialism
- Teamwork over isolation
- Patient-centered care over physician-centered care
- Ethics awareness, integrity and professional development
- Increased physician-in-training access to Medical Humanities

We believe that priorities of medical school training should include:

1. Integrative, Complementary, and Alternative Medicine education
2. Patient Safety and Quality



Integrative Medicine

Sri Kakalavarapu (mp.integrativemed@amsa.org) for any questions or ideas!

Purpose: To educate and appreciate the medical world of complementary & alternative practices

Goal: To clarify the definition of “Complementary & Alternative Medicine” and to bring more acceptance among the medical community.

Integrative Medicine Scholars Program

Multiple practitioners highlighted:

- Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (LAc) - Chiropractic (DC)
- Certified Professional Midwives (CPM) - Massage Therapy (LMT)
- Naturopathic Medicine (ND) - Yoga Teachers/Therapists
- Ayurvedic and Homeopathic practitioners



Integrative Medicine Day/Weekend

- a panel of DRs/Integrative Practitioners who have incorporated their ideals as well as alternative manners in treating pts
- workshops demonstrating different types of alternative practices used

Patient Safety

Contact Diana Huang (mp.patientsafety@amsa.org) with any questions or ideas!

Why it matters: A 1999 report from the Institute of Medicine said that up to 98,000 patients die every year due to preventable medical errors, with countless more suffering unnecessary injuries. These errors lead to unnecessary medical costs and harm the doctor/patient relationship.

Defining the Problem: Medical errors usually arise from poor communication in an increasingly complex health care system. Current medical education does not adequately equip students to deal with these new problems.



How to Get Involved:

- Host a Patient Safety Discussion at Your School—we can provide you with materials to engage students at your school!
- Patient Safety Scholars Program—Online Patient Safety education program from experts in the field. Look out for announcements on Inspiration Exchange, or email for more details!
- Patient Safety Scorecard—project to give all medical schools grades on their patient safety education. Email to help!



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