

Student Organization/Specialty Interest Group 2024	Mission Statement	Student leaders	Student Leader Emails	Faculty/Staff Advisor(s)	Faculty/Staff Advisor Email
Academic Medicine Interest Group	The Academic Medicine 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 network with 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.	Ali Sarhan, Edward Contrada	alia.sarhan@hmn.org, edward.contrada@hmn.org	Jennifer Zepf, D.O.	jennifer.zepf@hmn.org
American College of Medical Genetics Student Interest Group	The American College of Medical Genetics Student 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 geneticists are further responsible to their colleagues and patients for providing access and information relating to genetic diagnostics, therapies, and case management. ACMG SIG members will have the opportunity to learn from medical geneticists about their careers, to explore the impact of medical genetic technologies on a wide variety of medical fields, and to stay up to date with advances in the field of genetic medicine.	Katherine Leopold	katherine.leopold@hmn.org	Helio Pedro, M.D.	helio.pedro@hmn.org
American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) Student Chapter	The American College of OBGYN Interest Group is focused on the very exciting opportunities offered within the field of obstetrics and gynecology. Monthly meetings will focus on becoming familiar with the process of becoming an OBGYN, OBGYN procedures, working in the SIM lab, and community service projects. ACOG Interest Group's meetings welcome all HMSOM students with different backgrounds and interests.	Sarah Baker, Pooja Bhatte, Avni Patel	sarah.baker@hmn.org, pooja.bhatte@hmn.org, avni.patel@hmn.org	Antonia F. Oladipo, M.D., Sara Bittman, M.D.	antonia.oladipo@hmn.org, sara.bitman@hmn.org
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.	Divya Kumar, Christina O'Leary, Allison Trabold, Katarina Nilsson	divya.kumar@hmn.org, katarina.nilsson@hmn.org, christina.oleary@hmn.org	Saba Afzal, M.D.	saba.afzal@hmn.org
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, mentoring, 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.	Chelsea Li, Priyanka Shenoy, James Abbott	chelsea.li@hmn.org, priyanka.shenoy@hmn.org, james.abbott@hmn.org	Mark D. Schlesinger, M.D.	mark.schlesinger@hmn.org
Anime Club	Empowering anime and gaming enthusiasts to connect, celebrate, and immerse themselves in a vibrant community. Our mission is to curate a welcoming environment where members can indulge in their passions, foster friendships, and share unforgettable experiences. Committed to organizing an annual pilgrimage to AnimeNYC, we aim to enrich our members' cultural understanding and excitement for the anime medium.	Jennifer Zheng, Zahin Alam	zahin.alam@hmn.org, jennifer.zheng@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
Arts In Medicine	The mission of the Arts in Medicine organization is to explore the multitude of applications for performance, visual, and written art 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 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.	Hannah Aalemansour, Sheena Horiki, Jennifer Zheng, Harry Feng	hannah.aalemansour@hmn.org, sheena.horiki@hmn.org, harry.feng@hmn.org, jennifer.zheng@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
Asian Pacific American Medical Student Assoc (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 American (APIA) 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 venue for medical students to meet, exchange experiences, and develop personally and professionally through leadership and service.	Lina Choi, Sally Hwang, Kevin Li, Amanda Zhao	yeun.choi@hmn.org, sally.hwang@hmn.org, keving.li@hmn.org, amanda.zhao@hmn.org	Sarah L. Timmapuri, M.D., FACC	sarah.timmapuri@hmn.org
Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative Student Clinic (BVMI Student Clinic)	In partnership with Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative, the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine Student Saturday Clinic is a clinical 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.	Luis Francia, Amanda Brand	luis.francia@hmn.org, amanda.brand@hmn.org	Jasneet Kaur, M.D.	jasneet.kaur@hmn.org
Bioethics Club	The Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine's Bioethics clubs aims to educate future physicians on the importance of bioethics 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 practice, thus spreading the ethical ideals to their own students and co-workers. From daily ethical dilemmas in the medical field to new ethics challenges presented, we strive to give our members the tools to navigate difficult scenarios with principled professionalism and a strong consideration for others.	Jenna Mustafa, Mirit Girgis	jenna.mustafa@hmn.org, mirit.girgis@hmn.org	Bryan Pilkington, PhD	bryan.pilkington@hmn.org
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 our 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.	Drew Sturgill, Andrew Blum	drew.sturgill@hmn.org, andrew.blum@hmn.org	Stanley Terlecky, PhD	stanley.terlecky@hmn.org
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.	Kareem Hassan, Anirudh Maddali, Harry Feng	Harry.Feng@hmn.org, Anirudh.Maddali@hmn.org, kareem.hassan@hmn.org		

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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.	Sharjil Razin, Lauren Sandberg	Sharjil.Razin@hmn.org, Lauren.Sandberg@hmn.org	Sarah L. Timmapuri, M.D., FACC	sarah.timmapuri@hmn.org
Catholic Medical Association	We are an assembly of students who seek an intellectual understanding of faith's intrinsic role in the vocation of medicine. We uphold God and morality in our practice of medicine, respect the sanctity of life and the dignity of every human being, and defend the voice of good conscience that echoes in our interior hearing. All are welcome to attend our Chapter meetings and events. Our discussions are guided by a scholarly insight into Catholic Scripture as we contemplate biomedical ethics and timeless queries that trial the conscience of every person. Faith and trust in God fortify our courage to do what is right of us in the most trying of times, where we yearn to reflect the moral fibers from which our characters are woven and to deliver exceptional patient care in a way that unconditionally respects the sanctity of life and the dignity of every human being	Nithya Tippireddy, Claire Wolford, John Marcin, Lauren Vu	nithya.tippireddy@hmn.org, claire.wolford@hmn.org, lauren.vu@hmn.org, john.marcin@hmn.org	Michael Giuliano M.D.	michaela.giuliano@hmn.org
Chef M.D.	Chef MD aims to promote culinary medicine, encouraging the use of food as a tool to improve health amongst both the student body and the greater community. We plan to hold interactive cooking and nutrition classes for fellow students. We will create curricula with recipes that are customizable to the tasks and budget of families in the local community. We will also incorporate a food-related club.	Evangelin Samuel, Ali Zaidi, Aliza Leiter, Leigh Plasil	ali.zaidi@hmn.org, evangelin.samuel@hmn.org, leigh.plasil@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
Cinema for Wellness	Recharge at the Cinema for Wellness Club! Immerse yourself in a curated selection of diverse films, each with themes that inspire, uplift, and spark reflection. We are committed to ethically sourcing our films and provide an escape from daily stresses through every event. Join our laid-back screenings, savor snacks, and connect with peers in a welcoming atmosphere.	Andrea Roy, Zahin Alam	andrea.roy@hmn.org, zahin.alam@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
Community Medicine Organization	The Community Medicine student organization organizes opportunities for HMSOM students to volunteer at clinically-oriented events within the community. Students at HMSOM begin their clinical skills education during the first weeks of their first academic year - the Community Medicine organization will match students who can utilize/practice these skills with community programs that can 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 symbiotic relationship will benefit HMSOM students as well as the HMH network and their community partners. The main opportunity that this club facilitates is assisting K-12 school nurses in completing mandatory health screenings. This 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.	Allison Tabold, Kassidy Manning	allison.tabold@hmn.org, kassidy.manning@hmn.org	Karen Eigen, M.D.	karen.eigen@hmn.org
Dermatology Interest Group	Cultivate a collaborative community of aspiring dermatologists within the medical school, dedicated to advancing dermatological knowledge, fostering inclusivity, and making a positive impact on skin health. Through educational initiatives, clinical exposure, and community engagement, we aim to inspire passion for dermatology and contribute meaningfully to the broader healthcare landscape.	Riya Khokhal, Imaray Noda, Jenna Mustafa	riya.khokhal@hmn.org, imaray.noda@hmn.org, jenna.mustafa@hmn.org	Alexis Young, M.D.	alexis.young@hmn.org
Doctors for Disabilities	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.	Sanjana Sharma, Hannah Varkey	sanjana.sharma@hmn.org, hannah.varkey@hmn.org	Michal Divney, MSW, LCSW	michal.divney@hmn.org
Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG)	The Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG) aims to provide 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 education and help better prepare them for careers in EM and beyond. These resources include clinical procedures workshops (suturing, intubation, central line placement, etc.), residency Q&A panels with current EM staff and faculty, information about fellowships in EM, and other guest speaker events	Olga Sokiran, Paavan Patel	olga.sokiran@hmn.org, paavan.patel@hmn.org	Jared Ditekowsky, M.D.	jared.ditekowsky@hmn.org
Engineering in Medicine	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 will allow them to bridge the gap between engineers and medicine by combining engineering principles with medical science for the sole purpose of advancing healthcare. Prominent applications include development of imaging equipment, biomaterials, bioinformatics, and tissue engineering.	Sophia Zhang, Siddarth Ganesh	sophia.zhang@hmn.org, siddarth.ganesh@hmn.org	Zhiyong Han, PhD	zhiyong.han@hmn.org
Environmental Health Interest Group (EHIG)	The Environmental Health Interest Group is a group at HMSOM that promotes environmental health and raises awareness of the growing impact of climate change. This club seeks to mitigate the effects climate change has on population and individual health by enacting change through increased curricular efforts, volunteering, research, and by generating awareness in the general student body.	Amanpreet Kaur, Matthew Luebke	amanpreetm.kaur@hmn.org, matthew.luebke@hmn.org	Lawrence Rosen, M.D.	lawrence.rosen@hmn.org
Ethics in Medical Technology	Our goal is to host a regular journal club where we discuss papers that explore the ethical implications behind new medical technology as it is released into the market.	Nithya Tippireddy, Sally Hwang	nithya.tippireddy@hmn.org, sally.hwang@hmn.org	Zhiyong Han, PhD	zhiyong.han@hmn.org
Family Medicine Interest Group	The Family Medicine Interest Group provides a forum for students interested in the specialty to explore their interests, learn more about becoming a family medicine physician, and network with other students and faculty members. Our group is within the FMIG network, which is organized by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). The FMIG network mission is to develop the family medicine workforce and advance the specialty of family medicine by strengthening current and aspiring medical students to be prepared for and choose to pursue a career in family medicine in the U.S. Our student group contributes to this mission by providing speaker series, workshops, resource sharing, and peer support.	Hannah Murphy, Emma Flanagan, Rebecca Zaki	hannah.murphy@hmn.org, emma.flanagan@hmn.org, rebeccai.zaki@hmn.org	Mukundha B. Maneyapanda, M.D.	mukundha.maneyapanda@hmn.org
Gastroenterology Interest Group	The purpose of the Gastroenterology Club at HMSOM is to explore the speciality of Gastroenterology(GI) both from 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 speciality and those looking to further their interest in GI.	Avi Patel, Julia Bellino, Emma Flanagan	avi.patel@hmn.org, julia.bellino@hmn.org, emma.flanagan@hmn.org		

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General Surgery Interest Group	The Surgery Interest Group is a student-run interest group that aims to expose HMSOM students to a multi-dimensional field of surgery through surgical skills workshops, conferences, research, shadowing, and mentoring opportunities. To educate students on the surgeon's lifestyle and to build connections with leaders in all types of surgery. We aim to work closely with the surgeons in the HMH network to provide opportunities and a platform for all students who are interested in the field of surgery and all its surgical subspecialties. Additionally, the goal of the organization is to provide opportunities to learn about various surgical specialties and how to best match into these residencies.	Sarah Baker, Aaron Chang	Sarah Baker, Aaron Chang	Burton Surick, M.D.	burton.surick@hmn.org
Geriatrics and Palliative Care Interest Group	The aim of the Geriatrics and Palliative Care Interest Group is to help students explore these specialties and gain a deeper understanding through panels, guest speakers, and opportunities to connect with physicians in these fields. This interest group is not only useful for those considering pursuing these specialties as possible careers but for any medical student interested in learning about topics such as end-of-life care and the needs of older populations that can give them a unique perspective in any specialty.	Victoria Simmons, Susannah LaPointe	victoria.simmons@hmn.org, susannah.lapointe@hmn.org		
Harm Reduction & Addiction Medicine	Our mission is to mobilize the HMSOM community around harm reduction principles and practices through education initiatives, community partnerships, 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.	Pranesh Rajendran, Emma Chant	Pranesh.Rajendran@hmn.org, Emma.Chant@hmn.org		
HMSlav	The goal of HMSlav is to promote appreciation of Slav / Eastern European culture and languages! Open to all interested in enjoying the food / culture.	Peter Cwalina, Kristy Hrynyszak	kristy.hrynyszak@hmn.org, Peter.cwalina@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
HMSNOW	HMSNOW is a ski and snowboarding club that is aimed at gathering the medical students who like to shred!	Yoav Heyman, Orion Yedidia	yoav.heyman@hmn.org, Orion.yedidia@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
HMSOM Boards and Beyond	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. We aim to do this by creating a relaxing, welcoming atmosphere to try out many different types of games that everyone can have a great time playing.	Yoav Heyman, Edward Contrada, Hannah Murphy	yoav.heyman@hmn.org, edward.contrada@hmn.org, hannah.murphy@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
HMSOM Climbing Collective	HMSOM Climbs aspires to foster a culture of physical well-being, teamwork, and resilience. Through climbing, we aim to promote not only physical fitness but also mental fortitude, camaraderie, and a holistic approach to health, contributing to a vibrant and thriving medical community. Our events will include introduction to climbing workshops and group indoor and outdoor climbing (top rope, bouldering, and potentially lead!)	Raymond Huang, Olga Sokiran	Raymond.huang@hmn.org, Olga.sokiran@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
HMSOM Community Council	Our mission is to collaborate with community organizations to host events and fundraisers that will involve students in service-oriented activities to impact the populations supported by our community partners.	Jude Crentsil, Nzubechukwu (Joshua) Obidike, Sabine Nouredidine	jude.crentsil@hmn.org, nzubechukwu.obidike@hmn.org, sabine.nouredidine@hmn.org	Carmela Rocchetti, M.D.	carmela.rocchetti@hmn.org
HMSOM Cuddlers	The purpose of HMSOM Cuddlers is to provide unique volunteer and networking opportunities for students interested in neonatology. This organization will allow students to supplement the visits of parents in the NICU by socializing and comforting the neonates. We also will hold physician panels and case discussions to allow for the exploration of this specialty.	Leigh Plasil, Divya Kumar, Saira Somnay	leigh.plasil@hmn.org, divya.kumar@hmn.org, saira.somnay@hmn.org	Michael Giuliano M.D.	michaela.giuliano@hmn.org
HMSOM Golf Society	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. We can't wait to see you out on the course, the driving range or even the mini golf putting green!	Drew Sturgill	drew.sturgill@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
HMSOM Homeless Outreach	The HMSOM Homeless Outreach club aims to serve the growing unhoused population in Clifton. We serve the Code Blue warming center which is open on days below 32 degrees throughout the winter. Volunteers will help set up, serve food, do intake paperwork, hand out donations, and provide resources to the men and women who will be utilizing the shelter. Most importantly, we will serve as social support to the men and women living on the streets. Additionally, there are opportunities to go on street outreach rounds with a social worker to talk to the unhoused men and women of Clifton in their places of living. This is a great opportunity to learn about the unique stories and struggles of the local unhoused community. We as volunteers will take these lessons into our future practices as many of us will serve the unhoused population in one way or another as physicians. This is a great chance to continue our education in learning about the social determinants of health and how they impact the lives of marginalized communities.	MacKenzie Walz, Fariшта Saifi, Mirit Girgis	mackenzie.walz@hmn.org, fariшта.saifi@hmn.org, mirit.girgis@hmn.org		
HMSOM Language and Cultural Exchange Club	The HSOM Language and Cultural Exchange Club strives to foster a space that promotes language learning and cultural exchange among students at the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine. We aim to achieve this goal through creating multiple language groups that allow students to refine their linguistic abilities among their peers. We hope these groups will provide opportunities for cultural exchange, and allow each of us to become more culturally-competent physicians.	Priyanka Shenoy, Amanda Zhao	priyanka.shenoy@hmn.org, amanda.zhao@hmn.org		
HMSOM Muslim Student Association (MSA)	The mission of this organization is to fulfill the religious, social, and educational needs of Muslim students at HMSOM & IHS as well as develop a relationship with our local Muslim community, while providing an opportunity for students to build a sense of community. Our goal is to develop a balance of professionalism and muslim identity within our students. We also aim to increase cultural competency towards Muslim patients throughout the medical community.	Sarah Kammourh, Zahin Alam, Zephyr Hameem, Kareem Hassan	Sarah.kammourh@hmn.org, zahin.alam@hmn.org, zephyr.hameem@hmn.org, kareem.hassan@hmn.org	Marwa Khalil, M.D.	marwa.khalil@hmn.org
HMSOM Running Club	The goal of the HMSOM Running Club is to provide a social and recreational outlet for runners and walkers of all abilities. During the stress of medical school, we believe it is incredibly valuable for students to have a community to exercise with after class. Our club will hold regular group runs with flexible pace and distance standards, and always include a walking group.	Caroline Roumpz, Raymond Huang	caroline.roumpz@hmn.org, raymond.huang@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
HMSOM Skywalkers	HMSOM Skywalkers' mission is to allow uninhibited and uncharted exploration of astronomy and astrophysics. We encourage students from all levels to join us as we discuss these topics and their relations to medicine, go stargazing in nearby dark areas, and promote wellness through discussions about science fiction. Our goal is to help students not only be inspired when they look inwards into the intricate human body but also when they look outward into the vastness of space.	Paavan Patel, Siddarth Ganesh	paavan.patel@hmn.org, siddarth.ganesh@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
HMSOM Tennis Club	Promote wellness and community building through tennis.	Caleb Lee, Lina Choi, Neel Manoj	Caleb.Lee@hmn.org, Yeeun.Choi@hmn.org, Neel.Manoj@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org

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HMSOMAdventurers	Everyone needs to take a break from the rush of life. Come join us to discover the beautiful views and crisp air that NJ and nearby states have to offer!	Ali Zaidi, Mirit Girgis	ali.zaidi@hmn.org, mirit.girgis@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
HMSOMeliers	HMSOMeliers students will have the opportunity to engage with each other and experts to understand more about the rich world of wine, including wine tasting, differentiating types, and the history of wine making. Under the guidance of a knowledgeable advisor, we'll uncork (or unscrew the stelvin), and enjoy while we learn. Cheers!	John Kilgallon, Keara Gilligan, McKenzie Mayer	john.kilgallon@hmn.org, keara.gilligan@hmn.org, mckenzie.mayer@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
HMSOMHoopers	Take a break and relax from school! All skill levels are welcome to play & learn. Come hoop with us!	Nilus Lee, Kareem Hassan, Ali Zaidi, Harry Feng	suwei.lee@hmn.org, kareem.hassan@hmn.org, ali.zaidi@hmn.org, harry.feng@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
Infectious Disease Interest Group (IDIG)	The infectious disease interest group (IDIG) aims to engage and teach interested students about the world of Infectious Disease. As both a subspecialty of internal medicine and pediatrics, a career in infectious disease is wide-ranging, in both the patients physicians see and the conditions they treat. This interest group will provide students with education, networking opportunities, and discussion on the different realms of adult and pediatric infectious diseases, as well as an opportunity to review their ID knowledge through fun events like Jeopardy.	Saurav Boparai, Kristy Hrynyszak, Daniel Ambrosio	saurav.boparai@hmn.org, kristy.hrynyszak@hmn.org, daniel.ambrosio@hmn.org	Sejal Makvana Bhavsar, M.D., Aryeh Baer, M.D.	sejal.bhavsar@hmn.org, aryeh.baer@hmn.org
Internal Medicine Interest Group	The purpose of the Internal Medicine Interest Group is to promote and develop a profound interest in the specialty of Internal Medicine and its subspecialties. 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 lecturing 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	Kshitiz Lamba, Danielle Kong, Natalie Elmasri, Sophia Zhang	kshitiz.lamba@hmn.org, danielle.kong@hmn.org, natalie.elmasri@hmn.org, sophia.zhang@hmn.org	Jonathan Shammash, M.D., MACP	jonathan.shammash@hmn.org
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 physician-in-training perspectives in understanding our role in the needs of our community.	Susannah LaPointe, Sabine Noureddine	susannah.lapointe@hmn.org, sabine.noureddine@hmn.org	Miriam Hoffman, M.D.	miriam.hoffman@hmn.org
Invisible Illness Awareness Club	This club aims to inform medical students and future physicians on the diverse range of experiences of patients with invisible and rare illnesses in and outside the medical field. This club will make students aware 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 things that could be going on under the surface.	Katherine Margolin, Anoushka Karnad, Anika Bijur	katherine.margolin@hmn.org, anoushka.karnad@hmn.org, anika.bijur@hmn.org		
Jewish Medical Student Association(JMSA)	As a religious minority, JMSA hopes to establish a sense of community for Jewish students, as well as share the Jewish culture with non-Jewish students. This will allow us to optimize patient care as future physicians.	Amanda Brand, Emma Mainman-Stadtmauer	amanda.brand@hmn.org, emma.maimanstadtmauer@hmn.org	Joshua Josephs, M.D.	joshua.josephs@hmn.org
Knitting and Crocheting to Aid and Relieve Environmental Stress (KCARES)	Our group strives to create a space for students to meet and knit and crochet together to promote creative, healthy, and fun ways to de-stress. We also work to build a sense of community with other students who enjoy fiber arts through weekly crafting circles.	Hannah Murphy, Claire Wolford	hannah.murphy@hmn.org, claire.wolford@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
Latin Dance Club	The Latin Dance Club is committed to celebrating the richness of Latin dance and culture by providing a vibrant and inclusive space for students to learn, share, and enjoy 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.	Imaray Noda, Lauren Vu, Paul Kinard	imaray.noda@hmn.org, lauren.vu@hmn.org, paul.kinard@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA)	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 LMSA chapter at Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine was founded in 2018 by Raquel Otero Cancho, Erick Larios Bautista, and Nicolas Balbi Caruso. Our chapter aims to help develop a cohort 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. We host several events every month, which include medical Spanish lessons, community outreach programs, community health education, mentorship, and discussions about Latino health disparities. If you're a pre-medical student interested in attending our medical school, feel free to reach out to us! For more information, please contact: lmsa@hmn.org	Boris Salazar, Farishta Saifi, Michael Zakhary, Matthew Zayas-Bazan	boris.salazarvalladares@hmn.org, farishta.saifi@hmn.org, michael.zakhary@hmn.org, matthew.zayasbazan@hmn.org	Ofelia Martinez, M.D., MPH	ofelia.martinez@hmn.org
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 experiences, and educational opportunities in collaboration with regional Med Peds programs. We strive to create a strong community that allows students to explore the unique perspective and opportunities provided by a dual certification in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics.	Sundesh Kodali, Aneesh Bhawe, Anoushka Karnad, Sanjana Sharma	Srisundesh.Kodali@hmn.org, Aneesh.Bhawe@hmn.org, Anoushka.Karnad@hmn.org, Sanjana.Sharma@hmn.org	Harinder Kaur Bawa, M.D.	harinder.bawa@hmn.org
Medical Society of New Jersey (MSNJ)	To promote the betterment of the public health and the science and the art of medicine, to enlighten public opinion in regard to the problems of medicine, and to safeguard the rights of the practitioners of medicine.	Katherine Margolin, Connor Wirth	katherine.margolin@hmn.org, connor.wirth@hmn.org		
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.	Kshitiz Lamba, Nicole Weber, Pranesh Rajendran	kshitiz.lamba@hmn.org, nicole.weber@hmn.org, pranesh.rajendran@hmn.org	Florian P. Thomas, Sean Pierce M.D.	florian.thomas@hmn.org, sean.pierce@hmn.org
Medical Students for Choice (MSFC)	Mission Statement: The mission of MSFC is to ensure that individuals receive the full range of reproductive health care choices. MSFC works to make reproductive health care, including abortion, a standard part of medical education and residency training. MSFC endeavors 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.	Julia Bellino, Emma Chant, Divya Kumar, Emma Maiman-Stadtmauer	julia.bellino@hmn.org, emma.chant@hmn.org, divya.kumar@hmn.org, emma.maimanstadtmauer@hmn.org	Tovah Tripp, M.D.	tovah.tripp@hmn.org

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Medical Students for Size Inclusivity	HMSOM's Medical Students for Size Inclusivity seeks to educate future physicians about the harms of diet culture and weight discrimination in the healthcare system, and to advocate for equitable care on behalf of patients in larger bodies. We plan to discuss wellness practices in a way that is decoupled from weight equalling health and instead focus on health-promoting behaviors. We will invite HAS aligned dietitians to speak with our organization and potentially the entire cohort. We will also hold discussions or journal clubs to cover recent research in dietetics, exercise science, eating disorders, and metabolism. Finally, we plan to incorporate realistic challenges posed to our cohort to promote health throughout medical school.	Sanjana Sharma, Victoria Simmons, Anoushka Karnad, Susannah LaPointe	sanjana.sharma@hmn.org, victoria.simmons@hmn.org, anoushka.karnad@hmn.org, susannah.lapointe@hmn.org	Tovah Tripp, M.D.	tovah.tripp@hmn.org
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 members' 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 empowering physicians to become advocates for the MENA community.	George Beyjoun, Majid Michael	george.beyjoun@hmn.org, Majid.Michael@hmn.org	Mohammed Kananeh, M.D.	mohammed.kananeh@hmn.org
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 genres and more. The 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.	Orion Yedidia, Luke McGrath	orion.yedidia@hmn.org, luke.mcgrath@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
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 ideas, works, and lived 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!	Zephyr Hameem, Emma Maiman-Stadtmauer, Sanjana Sharma	Zephyr.Hameem@hmn.org, emma.maimanstadtmauer@hmn.org, sanjana.sharma@hmn.org	Caryn Katz-Loffman, LSW	caryn.loffman@hmn.org
Neuroscience Journal Club	The purpose and mission of The Neuroscience Journal Club is 1) to explore and discuss modern breakthroughs in neuroscience research and it's 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 eliciting main takeaways that will facilitate lifelong learning.	Kenyon Gale	kenyon.gale@hmn.org	Florian P. Thomas, M.D.	florian.thomas@hmn.org
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 humbling contribution that it has to healing. With an appetite for both the clinical and research arenas within this field, we collectively foster one another's interests, so as to cultivate a career driven by both heart and mind.	Pat Pema, Drew Sturgill, John (Jack) Kilgallon	patrick.pema@hmn.org, drew.sturgill@hmn.org, john.kilgallon@hmn.org	Patrick Roth, M.D.	patrick.roth@hmn.org
Oncology Interest Group	The Oncology Student Interest Group aims to provide students with exposure to different facets of the medical specialty of oncology, including subspecialties, research and opportunities, as well as networking events with JTCC.	Anirudh Maddali, Siddarth Ganesh, Natalie Elmasri	anirudh.maddali@hmn.org, siddarth.ganesh@hmn.org, natalie.elmasri@hmn.org	Andre Goy, M.D., MS	andrew.ip@hmn.org
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 subspecialties, 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.	Brennan Issac, Caleb Lee	brennan.issaac@hmn.org, caleb.lee@hmn.org	Michael E Rosenberg M.D.	montrosedean@gmail.com
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 invaluable exposure to organ transplantation, our goal is also to prepare and encourage students to be valued, 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.	Patrick Pema, Joseph Metcalf, Paxton Sweeney	patrick.pema@hmn.org, joseph.metcalf@hmn.org, paxton.sweeney@hmn.org	Michael J. Goldstein, M.D.	michael.goldstein@hmn.org
Orthopaedic Surgery Journal Club	The Orthopaedic Surgery Journal Club is a student-led organization that serves as a platform for like minded students to explore, learn, and grow within the field of orthopaedics. Not only does the group allow students to share and discuss cutting edge research, but it also facilitates collaboration between upper and lower classmen, as well as physicians, that are conducting research in orthopaedics.	Ryan Paul, Michael Viggiano, McKenzie Mayer	ryan.paul@hmn.org, michael.viggiano@hmn.org, mckenzie.mayer@hmn.org		
Orthopedic Interest Group	The purpose of this organization is to foster professional growth and career development for members of the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine who are interested in the field of Orthopedic Surgery. We strive to provide students with experiences enabling them to explore these fields through lectures from physicians, workshops, and opportunities to shadow. We hope to develop our members' interest by providing routes to conducting research with clinical faculty and attendance at professional meetings. This club will provide an interactive and engaging look into the field of Orthopedic Surgery, and we look forward to incorporating the ideas of new members.	Darcy Ottomaneli, Timothy Blajda	darcy.ottomaneli@hmn.org, timothy.blajda@hmn.org	Wayne Berberian, M.D.	wayne.berberian@hmn.org
Otolaryngology (ENT) Interest Group	The Otolaryngology (ENT) Interest Group at HMSOM is dedicated to fostering a passion for ear, nose, and throat (ENT) medicine among medical students. Our mission is to provide a supportive community for those interested in Otolaryngology, offering educational opportunities, hands-on experiences, and mentorship to enhance understanding and skills in the field. Committed to promoting awareness of the diverse facets within Otolaryngology, we aim to inspire excellence, cultivate collaboration, and ultimately contribute to the future of exceptional patient care in ENT medicine.	Elizabeth, Kareem Hassan, Nolan Holbrook	Elizabeth.titova@hmn.org, Kareem.hassan@hmn.org, Nolan.Holbrook@hmn.org	Brian Benson, M.D.	brian.benson@hmn.org
Pain Medicine Interest Group	To cultivate the next generation of physicians to treat, prevent and rehabilitate people with pain.	Saurav Boparai, Chelsea Li, Priyanka Shenoy	saurav.boparai@hmn.org, chelsea.li@hmn.org, priyanka.shenoy@hmn.org		
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 lifestyle 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 speciality of pathology!	Swathi Sowmitran, Neel Manoj	swathi.sowmitran@hmn.org, neel.manoj@hmn.org		

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Pediatrics Interest Group	The purpose of the Pediatric Interest Group shall be to increase awareness of and interest in general pediatrics, medicine/pediatrics, and subspecialties of pediatrics, as well as to provide service to the pediatric community of New Jersey through education and support. The group will encourage the collaboration of medical students and pediatric physicians to facilitate interactive presentations, panel discussions, workshops and networking events in order to explore the nuances of pediatric subspecialties with regards to clinical practice, professional development, lifestyle and research. The group will also participate in a number of volunteer activities within the Hackensack Meridian Health network and with local community partners to foster the well-being of children and adolescents. We welcome all medical students to participate in our events.	Amanda Brand, Sara Khan, Luis Antonio Francia	amanda.brand@hmn.org, sara.khan@hmn.org, luis.francia@hmn.org	Steven Kairys, M.D., Aryeh Baer, M.D.	steven.kairys@hmn.org, aryeh.baer@hmn.org
Phone Pal Program	The Phone Pal Program (PPP) is a (interprofessional/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 communities. Student volunteers make telephone calls to Seniors 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 provider team. The volunteer medical student is not providing medical services of any nature and is providing volunteer services under the supervision of the physician faculty leads	Sanjana Sharma, Andrew Blum	sanjana.sharma@hmn.org, andrew.blum@hmn.org	Robert G. Stern, M.D.	robert.stern@hmn.org
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Interest Group (PM&R)	The mission of the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine PM&R (Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation) Interest Group is to foster a collaborative and supportive community for students with a passion for PM&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&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.	Kevin Li, Priyanka Shenoy, Aneesh Bhavne	keving.li@hmn.org, priyanka.shenoy@hmn.org, aneesh.bhavne@hmn.org	Leslie Bagay, M.D.	leslie.bagay@hmn.org
Pickle Ball Club	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.	Casey Hamilton, Natalie Elmasri	casey.hamilton@hmn.org, natalie.elmasri@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Interest Group	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.	Nolan Holbrook, Alina Chiccarine	nolan.holbrook@hmn.org, alina.chiccarine@hmn.org	Richard Winters, M.D.	richard.winters@hmn.org
Precision Medicine Interest Group (PMIG)	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 HMH conducting research on such topics. To facilitate this, we will host multiple panels, presentations, and other events in coordination with HMH and CDI faculty.	Marina Girgis, Sam Lee, Aaron Chang	marina.girgis@hmn.org, sams.lee@hmn.org, aaron.chang@hmn.org		
Psychiatry Student Interest Group	The mission of the Psychiatry Interest Group at HMSOM is to foster student interest in the field of psychiatry, and to connect students to peers, psychiatry residents, and practicing psychiatrists from a broad range of subspecialties for mentorship and learning.	Andrew Blum, Monisha Hanagal, Nithya Tippireddy	andrew.blum@hmn.org, monisha.hanagal@hmn.org, nithya.tippireddy@hmn.org	Robert Stern, M.D.	robert.stern@hmn.org
Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine Interest Group	The goal of the Pulmonary/Critical Care 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, 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	Kush Mansuria, Alexander Zincani	kush.mansuria@hmn.org, alexander.zincani@hmn.org	Michael Silverberg, M.D.	michael.silverberg@hmn.org
Radiology Interest Group	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 foundations in clinical diagnostics and medical imaging interpretation through on and 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 Radiology 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.	Nikki Weber, Shiv Patel, Zahin Alam	nicole.weber@hmn.org, shiv.patel@hmn.org, zahin.alam@hmn.org		
Ripple Magazine	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.	Zephyr Hameem, Danielle Kong	zephyr.hameem@hmn.org, danielle.kong@hmn.org	Allison Piazza, MHA, MLIS, AHIP	allisonpiazza.nyc@gmail.com
Socially Responsible Surgery	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	Marcus Mossaad, Connor Wirth	marcus.mossaad@hmn.org, connor.wirth@hmn.org	Nitesh V. Patel, M.D.	nitesh.patel@hmn.org
SOMLifts	The goal of SOMLifts is to promote and educate its members on healthy, evidence-based weightlifting habits. We encourage lifters 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 personalized routine 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 professionals that have a common interest in fitness. Lastly, we hope to host volunteer events for our members through fitness-related community outreach.	Jonathan Alektiar, Jasmine Roque, Matthew Yang	jonathan.alektiar@hmn.org, Diannejasmine.roque@hmn.org, matthew.yang@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
South Asian Medical Outreach Student Association (SAMOSA)	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 discussion 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.	Avni Patel, Monisha Hanagal	avni.patel@hmn.org, monisha.hanagal@hmn.org	Mukundha B. Maneyapanda, M.D.	mukundha.maneyapanda@hmn.org

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Specialty 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 also 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 these 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.	Amanda Brand, Anirudh Maddali, Tasfia Rahman	amanda.brand@hmn.org, anirudh.maddali@hmn.org, tasfia.rahman@hmn.org	Florian P. Thomas, M.D.	florian.thomas@hmn.org
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 as a career and how they relate to residency choices ranging from orthopedic surgery to primary care. Our group will also strive to provide exposure for students through events such as speaker presentations from guest physicians and interactive workshops. We hope that this will foster student interest in the field and provide opportunities for mentorship from the sports medicine community.	Darcy Ottomanelli, Katarina Nilsson, Mike Viggiano	darcy.ottomanelli@hmn.org, katarina.nilsson@hmn.org, michael.viggiano@hmn.org	Mukundha B. Maneyapanda, M.D.	mukundha.maneyapanda@hmn.org
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.	Jude Crentsil, Nzubechukwu (Joshua) Obidike,	jude.crentsil@hmn.org, nzubechukwu.obidike@hmn.org	Antonia F. Oladipo, M.D.	antonia.oladipo@hmn.org
Students Helping Students (SHS)	Students Helping Students (SHS) is a program that aims to foster a collaborative relationship between the HMSOM and high school students in NJ who may be interested in medicine. We are currently partnered with students at the Passaic Academy for Science and Engineering. Specifically, the school has students involved in a club called HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) targeted at those with an interest in pre-health professions. While we may be at different points in our educations, all health professionals become "students" for the entirety of their careers. As medical students, we are in a unique position to offer information, guidance, and support to students who may want to pursue medicine as a profession as we are not far removed from where they are now. Thus far, we have done Q and A sessions and small group presentations with discussions on topics of the students' choice. Our meetings have been once a month on an online platform, but we are hoping in-person interactions will be possible in the future. Past topics have included choosing a college, our paths to medical school, and our experience with imposter syndrome. Members will learn how to properly facilitate discussions and present to our student partners. Through these informative presentations and discussions, we hope to help prepare students for careers in healthcare in order to meet the growing need for healthcare professionals in the community.	Avni Patel, Frederric Kelada	avni.patel@hmn.org, frederric.kelada@hmn.org	Lawrence Rosen, M.D.	lawrence.rosen@hmn.org
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 expands upon that by raising awareness for global health issues, informing students on careers in public health, and getting first hand experience through public health initiatives.	Kassidy Manning, Saurav Boparai	Kassidy.Manning@hmn.org, Saurav.Boparai@hmn.org		
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. Through a series of educational seminars, hands-on workshops, and mentorship opportunities, we aim to inspire students to consider careers in urology and to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary for their medical journey. We advocate for patient-centered care and strive to contribute to the improvement of urological health in our community and beyond. In collaboration with esteemed faculty, practicing urologists, and alumni, we seek to build a network that supports our members' growth, enhances their medical education, and prepares them for their future roles as compassionate, innovative, and skilled healthcare providers in the field of urology.	Grace Basralian, Abinav Udaiyar	grace.basralian@hmn.org, abinav.udaiyar@hmn.org	David Shin, M.D.	david.shin@hmn.org
Volleyball Club	The HMSOM Volleyball Club is committed to fostering a healthy and inclusive community within the medical school through the joy of volleyball. Our mission is to provide opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to engage in physical activity, build camaraderie, and promote overall well-being. We aim to create an environment of respect, teamwork, and support through regular volleyball events and practices, contributing to a positive and balanced medical school experience for all members.	Milan Patel, Elizabeth Titova, Anthony Peterson	milan.h.patel@hmn.org, Elizabeth.titova@hmn.org, anthony.peterson@hmn.org	Staci White, MPA, CLC	staci.white@hmn.org
Wilderness in Medicine	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.	Pooja Bhat, Raymond Huang, Domenico Francis	pooja.bhat@hmn.org, Raymond.huang@hmn.org, domenico.francis@hmn.org		
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.	McKenzie Mayer, Amanda Zhao, Keara Gilligan	mckenzie.mayer@hmn.org, keara.gilligan@hmn.org, amanda.zhao@hmn.org	Victoriya Staab, M.D.	victoriya.staab@hmn.org