



**Group on Student Affairs (GSA) - Careers in Medicine (CiM) - Organization of Student Representatives (OSR)
Professional Development Conference**

Group and Committee Descriptions

[Careers in Medicine® \(CiM®\)](#)

The Careers in Medicine program delivers high quality career-planning services, resources, tools, data, and training to support physicians-in training, and support those that advise them, in identifying career goals, choose a specialty, and apply to residency.

[GSA – Committee on Admissions \(COA\)](#)

The GSA National Committee on Admissions (COA) provides guidance on national policy and procedural issues regarding the admission of students to medical school, and the admission of transfer students or candidates with advanced standing. The Committee receives regular reports regarding two services of the AAMC: the American Medical Colleges Application Service (AMCAS) and the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT).

[GSA – Committee on Student Affairs \(COSA\)](#)

The GSA National Committee on Student Affairs (COSA) provides guidance on issues related to student support and services, including personal advising, career advising; the health and well-being of medical students; the ethical and professional development of students; academic support and resources, and the preparation of students for the transition from medical school to residency.

[GSA – Committee on Student Diversity Affairs \(COSDA\)](#)

The GSA National Committee on Student Diversity Affairs, formerly the Committee on Diversity Affairs (CODA), provides guidance on medical student diversity on a local, regional, and national basis, with respect to student recruitment, admissions, enrollment, retention, and graduation. The strategic priorities of COSDA are defined under two overarching themes – increasing diversity in the physician workforce and professional development of its constituency. In order to meet the strategic priorities, COSDA advances the full cycle of student engagement and educational support spanning the K-12 through medical school educational continuum in order to increase diversity in the physician workforce. COSDA constituents provide programming and services to engage and support diverse learners in the K-12 pipeline, pre-medical and post-baccalaureate programs, and medical school. They are involved in outreach, recruitment, admissions, retention, support and graduation of diverse students in medicine.

[GSA – Committee on Student Financial Assistance \(COSFA\)](#)

The GSA National Committee on Student Financial Assistance (COSFA), working with AAMC legislative staff, provides guidance on legislative and regulatory issues regarding the types, availability, and delivery of financial assistance. The Committee receives regular reports from the AAMC legislative staff on the status of specific

financial aid legislation and receives regular reports on AAMC data to inform the discussion on the distribution of financial aid to medical students and related institutional policies. The Committee works with AAMC staff to develop content for educational and support programs and activities to assist schools in counseling and educating medical students regarding the financing of their medical education and the repayment of their student loans.

The Committee also works to identify projects where an issue is of national importance and community interest.

GSA – Committee on Student Records (COSR)

The GSA National Committee on Student Records (COSR) provides guidance on legislative and regulatory issues regarding student records, both during medical school and in connection with medical licensure process. The Committee receives regular reports from AAMC staff on the status of projects related to student records. The Committee develops educational and support programs and activities to support medical school registrars.

Organization of Student Representatives (OSR)

The Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) represents medical students nationwide and provides an active role for students in advancing the AAMC mission to improve the nation's health. Additionally, the OSR seeks to ensure that students actively participate in directing their education, preserving their rights, and delineating their professional responsibilities. To this end, the OSR gives medical students a voice in academic medicine at the national level and strives to foster student involvement and awareness in this arena at a local level.