

REPORT OF THE AMA YOUNG PHYSICIANS SECTION GOVERNING COUNCIL

AMA-YPS Report C-A-24

Subject: Specialty Society Representation and Outreach

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1 This report presents the criteria for specialty society representation in the AMA Young Physicians Section
2 (YPS) Assembly, gives an update on the level of specialty society representation, and discusses
3 strategies to gain new society representation.
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5 AMA Bylaws that became effective January 1, 2008, state that the apportionment for each state and
6 specialty society, or federal service, will be two representatives (and no alternate representatives) for
7 each 1,000 members of the Young Physicians Section who are members of the society or federal service
8 as recorded by the AMA on December 31 of each year. Societies eligible for more than two
9 representatives will be required to submit evidence to the Section that documents the number of their
10 young physician AMA members.
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12 **CRITERIA FOR REPRESENTATION**

13 Excerpted from the AMA bylaws:
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15 Section 7.5.3.1 Constituent Associations, National Medical Specialty Societies, and Federal Services.
16 Each constituent association and Federal Service shall be entitled to representation based on the number
17 of seats allocated to it by apportionment. Each national medical specialty society granted representation
18 in the House of Delegates shall be entitled to representation based on the number of seats allocated to it
19 by apportionment. In addition, unified constituent associations and specialty societies that are entitled to
20 additional representation pursuant to Bylaw 2.1.1.2 or Bylaw 2.2.1 shall be entitled to 2 additional
21 representatives.
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23 Section 7.5.3.1.1 Apportionment. The apportionment for each constituent association, Federal Service,
24 and national medical specialty society is 2 representatives for each 1,000, or fraction thereof, members of
25 the Young Physicians Section who are members of the constituent association, Federal Service, or
26 specialty society, as recorded by the AMA as of December 31 of each year. Each constituent association,
27 Federal Service, and specialty society shall automatically be entitled to 2 representatives, who may be
28 selected in any manner. Those constituent associations, Federal Services, or specialty societies who are
29 eligible for more than 2 representatives, shall select the additional representatives according to rules and
30 criteria developed by the Governing Council to ensure that they are selected in a fair and equitable
31 manner allowing open representation.
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33 The current criteria for specialty society representation, as presented in the Internal Operating
34 Procedures of the AMA-YPS, states that a national medical specialty organization must:
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- 36 • have voting representation in the House of Delegates (HOD); and
- 37 • have established a mechanism that allows for the regular input of young physician views into the
38 issues before the specialty society.

1 The delegate selected to represent a national medical specialty society in the AMA-YPS:

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- 3 • must be a young physician as defined by AMA Bylaw 7.5.1;
- 4 • must be a member of the AMA in good standing;
- 5 • should be chosen in a fair and equitable manner allowing open representation; and
- 6 • must represent the interests of their particular specialty society young physician constituency.
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8 To apply for voting status in the AMA-YPS Assembly, national medical specialty societies shall submit
9 their requests, along with information to indicate compliance with the criteria listed above, to the AMA-
10 YPS Governing Council.

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12 Each Federal Service (U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Navy, and
13 the U.S. Public Health Service) shall be entitled to two voting representatives.

14 **SOCIETIES CURRENTLY REPRESENTED IN THE AMA-YPS ASSEMBLY**

15 The following specialty societies met the criteria for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly and sent
16 representatives in the past year:

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- 19 • American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- 20 • American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery
- 21 • American Academy of Dermatology
- 22 • American Academy of Family Physicians
- 23 • American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
- 24 • American Academy of Neurology
- 25 • American Academy of Ophthalmology
- 26 • American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
- 27 • American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery
- 28 • American Academy of Pediatrics
- 29 • American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- 30 • American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law
- 31 • American Academy of Sleep Medicine
- 32 • American Association for Geriatric Psychiatry
- 33 • American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists
- 34 • American Association of Neurological Surgeons
- 35 • American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
- 36 • American College of Emergency Physicians
- 37 • American College of Nuclear Medicine
- 38 • American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- 39 • American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine
- 40 • American College of Physicians
- 41 • American College of Preventive Medicine
- 42 • American College of Radiology
- 43 • American College of Rheumatology
- 44 • American College of Surgeons
- 45 • American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society
- 46 • American Psychiatric Association
- 47 • American Society for Clinical Pathology
- 48 • American Society for Dermatologic Surgery
- 49 • American Society for Radiation Oncology
- 50 • American Society of Anesthesiologists
- 51 • American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians
- 52 • American Urological Association
- 53 • College of American Pathologists
- 54 • Congress of Neurological Surgeons
- 55 • GLMA: Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality

- 1 • Society of Critical Care Medicine
- 2 • Society of Interventional Radiology
- 3 • United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology

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5 **ELIGIBLE SOCIETIES WITHOUT CURRENT REPRESENTATION IN THE YPS**

6 The following specialty societies met the criteria for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly and have
7 not sent representatives in the past year:

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- 9 • Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research
- 10 • Aerospace Medical Association
- 11 • AMDA—The Society for Post-Acute and Long-term Care Medicine
- 12 • American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (June 2023)
- 13 • American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
- 14 • American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- 15 • American Academy of Insurance Medicine
- 16 • American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy Inc.
- 17 • American Academy of Pain Medicine
- 18 • American Association for Hand Surgery
- 19 • American Association for Thoracic Surgery
- 20 • American Association of Clinical Endocrinology
- 21 • American Association of Clinical Urologists, Inc.
- 22 • American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
- 23 • American Association of Plastic Surgeons
- 24 • American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin
- 25 • American Association of Public Health Physicians
- 26 • American Clinical Neurophysiology Society
- 27 • American College of Cardiology
- 28 • American College of Chest Physicians (CHEST)
- 29 • American College of Gastroenterology
- 30 • American College of Legal Medicine
- 31 • American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics
- 32 • American College of Medical Quality
- 33 • American College of Mohs Surgery
- 34 • American College of Radiation Oncology
- 35 • American Contact Dermatitis Society
- 36 • American Gastroenterological Association
- 37 • American Geriatrics Society
- 38 • American Hernia Society
- 39 • American Medical Group Association
- 40 • American Medical Women's Association
- 41 • American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
- 42 • American Orthopaedic Association
- 43 • American Osteopathic Association
- 44 • American Rhinologic Society
- 45 • American Roentgen Ray Society
- 46 • American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (June 2023)
- 47 • American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
- 48 • American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery
- 49 • American Society for Reconstructive Microsurgery
- 50 • American Society for Reproductive Medicine
- 51 • American Society for Surgery of the Hand
- 52 • American Society of Addiction Medicine
- 53 • American Society of Breast Surgeons
- 54 • American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
- 55 • American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons

- 1 • American Society of Cytopathology
- 2 • American Society of Dermatopathology
- 3 • American Society of Echocardiography
- 4 • American Society of Hematology
- 5 • American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons
- 6 • American Society of Neuroimaging
- 7 • American Society of Neuroradiology
- 8 • American Society of Nuclear Cardiology
- 9 • American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- 10 • American Society of Plastic Surgeons
- 11 • American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine
- 12 • American Society of Retina Specialists
- 13 • American Society of Transplant Surgeons
- 14 • American Thoracic Society
- 15 • American Vein and Lymphatic Society
- 16 • AMSUS The Society of Federal Health Professionals
- 17 • Association for Clinical Oncology
- 18 • Association of University Radiologists
- 19 • Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists
- 20 • Heart Rhythm Society
- 21 • Infectious Diseases Society of America
- 22 • International College of Surgeons: U.S. Section
- 23 • International Society for the Advancement of Spine Surgery
- 24 • International Society of Hair Restoration Surgery
- 25 • National Association of Medical Examiners
- 26 • National Medical Association
- 27 • North American Neuromodulation Society
- 28 • North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society
- 29 • North American Spine Society
- 30 • Obesity Medicine Association
- 31 • Outpatient Endovascular and Interventional Society
- 32 • Radiological Society of North America
- 33 • Renal Physicians Association
- 34 • Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions
- 35 • Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance (June 2023)
- 36 • Society for Investigative Dermatology, Inc.
- 37 • Society for Vascular Surgery
- 38 • Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons
- 39 • Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography
- 40 • Society of Hospital Medicine
- 41 • Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging
- 42 • Society of Thoracic Surgeons
- 43 • The Endocrine Society
- 44 • The Society of Laparoscopic and Robotic Surgeons
- 45 • The Spine Intervention Society
- 46 • The Triological Society
- 47 • Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society
- 48 • U.S. Air Force
- 49 • U.S. Army
- 50 • U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- 51 • U.S. Navy
- 52 • U.S. Public Health Service

1 **CONCLUSION**

2 Your Governing Council will continue to identify opportunities for fostering specialty society representation
3 in AMA-YPS Assembly. The AMA-YPS Governing Council will reach out to societies not currently
4 represented in the AMA-YPS as well as recently added member organizations of the AMA HOD.

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6 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

7 The YPS Governing Council recommends that the following statements be adopted and that the
8 remainder of the report be filed.

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10 1. The YPS Governing Council will continue to monitor progress toward filling available representative
11 slots and identify additional engagement opportunities as appropriate.
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13 2. The YPS Governing Council will continue to reach out to specialty societies that are eligible for
14 representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly that have not sent a representative or designated less than
15 the allotted number of representatives.
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17 3. The YPS Governing Council will continue to communicate with YPS representatives and members to
18 highlight the work accomplished during Section Assembly meetings and facilitate dialogue about
19 increasing representation in the AMA-YPS.
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21 4. The YPS Governing Council will reach out to the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry,
22 American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, and Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance
23 to notify these specialty societies of their eligibility for representation in the AMA-YPS Assembly

Fiscal Note: Less than \$500 to implement.