

Resident and Fellow Section (AMA-RFS)

Chair-elect

Name

Suraj Malhan

Credentials

DO, MS

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He/Him



Statement of interest

Driven by my passion for leadership and advocacy, I am excited to apply for the AMA RFS Chair-Elect position. My goal is to foster collaboration, innovation, and ensure that residents and fellows are empowered to influence healthcare policy. As Chair-Elect, I will work to advance initiatives that address physician burnout, improve work-life balance, and expand leadership opportunities.

My leadership experience includes serving as Vice President of the American Medical Association during medical school, where I contributed to healthcare reform and policy development. I was also inducted into the Omega Beta Iota political honor society for my commitment to advocacy. These experiences have strengthened my ability to build consensus and lead initiatives that benefit physicians and patients alike.

Currently, as a headache medicine fellow at Thomas Jefferson University, I am involved in research and advocacy with organizations such as the American Migraine Foundation, Alliance for Headache Disorders Advocacy, and American Headache Society. These roles have deepened my understanding of the intersection of patient care, policy, and medical education.

If elected, I am committed to ensuring that the governing council remains a strong advocate for the interests of residents and fellows, while developing and implementing strategic plans to improve the well-being of our members. I am confident that my experience and passion will allow me to contribute meaningfully to the success of the AMA Resident and Fellow Section.

Diversity statement

I will bring diversity to the Chair-Elect position by leveraging my background and my varied experiences in medicine and advocacy. I have been involved in advocacy work with underrepresented patient populations, particularly through my involvement with the American Academy of Neurology and the Alliance for Headache Disorders Advocacy. My advocacy efforts have focused on raising awareness about healthcare disparities faced by patients with neurological disease. I am committed to ensuring that patients from all demographics and backgrounds receive equitable care and support.

As someone who has worked extensively with underserved patient populations, I understand the importance of fostering inclusivity within the medical field. I have firsthand experience advocating for policies that promote equitable access to healthcare and believe that this experience will bring a valuable, diverse perspective to the role.

By bringing these experiences to the Chair-Elect position, I aim to foster a more inclusive environment within the AMA RFS, ensuring that all residents and fellows feel represented and empowered to lead and advocate for meaningful change in healthcare.