

UC DAVIS

SCHOOL of MEDICINE

STUDENT INTEREST GROUPS

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Name	Description
Academic Medicine Student Interest Group (SIG)	Academic Medicine SIG is primarily composed of current UC Davis medical students interested in a career in academic medicine. However, our events are also appropriate for any other medical students interested in discussing thought-provoking cases, pre-health students OK with being in over their heads, students of other health professions, or current health care professionals. Events consist primarily of regular lunch meetings to discuss medical journal articles or recent unique cases seen by members at UC Davis.
American Medical Association	The purpose of our organization is to incorporate students into organized medicine. To shape policy such that it best represents the opinions and needs of our members, and to represent UC Davis at both the local and national level.
Anesthesiology Interest Group	The purpose of the Anesthesiology Interest Group (AIG) is to promote education, communication, advocacy, research, and networking among medical students and physicians.
Bioethics Student Interest Group	The Bioethics SIG is dedicated to providing educational opportunities to medical students interested in the field of medical ethics. This includes, speaker series, interactive discussions, and activities surrounding different areas of ethics in medicine.
Christian Medical Fellowship	CMF is an inter-denominational student group with ties to CMDA, the Christian Medical and Dental Association, that seeks to promote greater understanding of the Christian faith and how it relates to the life and field of medicine. Furthermore, CMF wishes to create opportunities for students and doctors to engage in intellectual, social and religious issues.
Dermatology Student Interest Group	The primary goals and objectives for Dermatology Student Interest Group are to provide a source of further information, mentorship, and support for students either interested in pursuing a career in dermatology or simply learning more about this specialty. We plan to achieve these goals with the help and support of a UC Davis dermatology residents and faculty. Moreover, we plan to utilize lunchtime meetings and presentations to reach these goals. There are currently 10 members of this group. However, we anticipate to increase our membership with the incoming class.
Disaster Medicine Interest Group	Disasters and other unexpected emergencies present significant challenges to the local, state and federal medical infrastructure. The Disaster Medicine Interest Group aims to promote Medical Student knowledge in disaster preparedness, response and recovery by offering speakers, hands-on training and organizational resources.

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Emergency Medicine Student Interest Group	The Emergency Medicine Student Interest Group (EMSIG) was established in 1999 to promote interest in the practice of Emergency Medicine among the students of UC Davis School of Medicine. Emergency Medicine is a dynamic and growing field that holds many opportunities for students. Through interaction with clinical faculty EMSIG hopes to educate medical students about the specialty of emergency medicine and its importance in the medical field as well as provide information regarding career options and emergency medicine training programs.
Family Medicine Interest Group	FMIG meetings provide rare opportunities for medical students of all class levels to: Provide information to help support medical student interest in Family Medicine as a specialty, and about areas of practice within Family Medicine. Provide opportunities for hands-on workshops, such as phlebotomy, suturing, women's health procedures and casting. Meet and share experiences in local and international physicians settings.
Filipino Americans in Medicine	FAIM is an organization geared towards providing support for Filipino-American students and pre-health undergraduates. In addition, we seek to promote awareness of the Filipino culture in relation to medicine.
Flying Samaritans Student Interest Group	This SIG is in place to organize medical students interested in participating in weekend clinic trips to San Quintin, Baja California, Mexico with the Flying Samaritans, Mother Lode Chapter. The SIG will raise funds, publicize the organization, facilitate student participation, and act as a liaison between UC Davis School of Medicine and the Flying Samaritans International organization. Each month students will travel in small aircraft with the Flying Samaritans and help operate a free, all-day clinic for indigent locals and migrant workers in an established large agricultural farm in Los Pinos, a small town outside of San Quintin. The clinic offers medical, dental, optometry, and educational services, completely free of charge. Medical students will interview, examine, educate, and counsel patients under physician supervision. Through this process, students will gain a unique and valuable clinical, cultural, and linguistic experience in the context of a humanitarian international healthcare organization, which will augment their medical education and personal insight immensely.

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<p>Global Health Student Interest Group</p>	<p>The Global Health Student Interest Group helps medical students explore career options, participate in global health advocacy, learn about current issues in the field through speakers and events, identify options for volunteering, work and education abroad, and attend conferences and other educational events related to global health.</p> <p>Global health travel opportunities at UC Davis School of Medicine include: MEDICOS Nicaragua, MEDICOS Kenya Project, Flying Samaritans (Baja California, Mexico), Honduras (CMF), Shirati Hospital (Tanzania) and summer volunteering in India. There are also opportunities to get involved in Global Health through the undergraduate campus, such as the UC Davis Haiti Initiative or Global Service Corps.</p> <p>We provide funding for students to attend global health conferences including the annual Northern California Global Health Conference held in April.</p>
<p>Internal Medicine Student Interest Group</p>	<p>The Internal Medicine SIG (IM SIG) seeks to provide exposure and guidance to current medical students about a possible career in Internal Medicine and its subspecialties.</p>
<p>Latino Medical Student Association</p>	<p>The Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) is a network of students, alumni, and health professionals who are interested in the health and well-being of the Latino community, dedicated to providing social, academic, and professional support for Latino students and empowering students through mentorship. We are committed to increasing cultural awareness within our medical school community. LMSA was founded in 1986 to increase the number of Latinos and other underrepresented students in medical schools throughout the country. It is our belief that allowing a diverse array of students into medical school will ensure that all sectors of society receive quality access to healthcare. Through our outreach and community service efforts, we continue to inspire hundreds of students to become culturally competent physicians who are determined to serve all sectors of society. With these thoughts in mind, we continue to work towards strengthening our efforts in developing future physician leaders who will continue to open the doors of opportunity.</p>
<p>Medical Students for Choice</p>	<p>Medical Students for Choice stands up in the face of violent opposition, working to de-stigmatize abortion provision among medical students and residents, and to persuade medical schools and residency programs to include abortion as a part of the reproductive health services curriculum. Today MSFC is an internationally known non-profit organization with a successful track record along with a network of over 10,000 medical students and residents in North America and abroad. Medical Students for Choice is dedicated to ensuring that women receive the full range of reproductive healthcare choices. MSFC recognizes that one of the greatest obstacles to safe and legal abortion is the absence of trained providers. As medical students and residents, we work to make reproductive health care, including abortion, a part of standard medical education and residency training.</p>

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MEDICOS Nicaragua	MEDical InterCultural Opportunities for Students. Exchange program between UNAN (Facultad de Medicina de la Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Nicaragua) and UCD SOM
Medicos: The Kenya Project	<p>In an effort to inspire awareness about global healthcare disparities in Africa, a team of medical students and accompanying physicians traveled to Kenya to gain first-hand public health and health-care delivery experience. The UC Davis medical student and physician volunteers, worked alongside Kenya's own medical students and physicians. Together they volunteered for four weeks in underserved and economically deprived regions hoping to tackle some of the country's major health and public-health issues.</p> <p>In partnership with the University of Nairobi, School of Medicine, participants in the four week summer time Kenyan MEDicos program are involved in setting up and running medical camps, shadowing Kenyan medical students and physicians at various clinical locations, visiting community health programs including orphanages and women's HIV support groups, and conducting public health research. In addition, the program also offers an exchange opportunity for Kenyan medical students to spend 8 weeks of clinic rotation at UCDCM.</p>
Military Medicine Interest Group	<p>The Military Medicine Interest Group aims to support medical students interested in pursuing a career in military medicine.</p> <p>The goals of the organization are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Give medical students interested in military medicine or military service (via HPSP, National Guard/Reserve, etc.) mentoring and career guidance from faculty and colleagues with military backgrounds 2) Ensuring medical student veteran's health issues are adequately addressed in the school curriculum and on clerkships 3) Assisting veteran medical students with the transition to medical school and offer any support needed
Neurology Student Interest Group	The Neurology SIG will provide medical students with a means to engage in activities that will advance their knowledge in the field of neurology. Such activities may include lunch seminars, networking events with professors and faculty members, and attendance at conferences that will further the knowledge of the students in the field.
Obstetrics and Gynecology Interest Group	Student interest group for medical students interested in OB/GYN.
Ophthalmology Student Interest Group	UC Davis Ophthalmology Student Interest Group aims to increase awareness and raise interest in the field of ophthalmology among medical students at UC Davis School of Medicine, via informative lunchtime sessions with current residents, community vision screening events, and/or slit lamp sessions.
Orthopaedics-Sports Medicine Interest Group	The purpose of the Orthopaedics/Sports Medicine Interest Group is to provide medical students with the opportunity to learn more about medical specialties that relate to musculoskeletal health.

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Pediatric Medicine Interest Group	This group is for UC Davis medical students who are interested in pediatrics.
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Interest Group	Physical medicine and rehabilitation (PM&R), also referred to as physiatry, is a medical specialty concerned with diagnosis, evaluation, and management of persons of all ages with physical and/or cognitive impairment and disability. This specialty involves diagnosis and treatment of patients with painful or functionally limiting conditions, the management of comorbidities and co-impairments, diagnostic and therapeutic injection procedures, electrodiagnostic medicine, and emphasis on prevention of complications of disability from secondary conditions. Physiatrists are trained in the rehabilitation of neurologic disorders, and in the diagnosis and management of impairments of the musculoskeletal (including sports and occupational aspects) and other organ systems, and the long-term management of patients with disabling conditions. Physiatrists provide leadership to multidisciplinary teams concerned with maximal restoration or development of physical, psychological, social, occupational and vocational functions in persons whose abilities have been limited by disease, trauma, congenital disorders or pain to enable people to achieve their maximum functional abilities.
Ping Pong Student Interest Group	The Ping Pong SIG functions to bring students together with similar passion and enjoyment in playing table tennis as well as to relieve the various stresses associated with being a student with the active & relaxing nature of table tennis.
Public Health Student Interest Group	The purpose of the Public Health Student Interest Group is to educate ourselves and our peers about the importance of public health issues and its implications on the health care system. As physicians in training, we hope to supplement our medical education with an understanding of the health of populations as well as that of individuals.
Quality Improvement & Patient Safety Interest Group	The vision of Quality Improvement and Patient Safety at UCD is for students across disciplines to partner to improve healthcare quality and patient safety. The mission is to foster commitment and advance preparation of the next generation of professionals across disciplines to improving the quality and safety of healthcare locally, nationally, and globally.
Radiology Student Interest Group	Providing education and information regarding the field of Radiology
Running Student Interest Group	The purpose of this group is to provide a fun, supportive environment for medical students that are interested in running either as a hobby or as a sport.
Student National Medical Association	"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." ~SNMA.org

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Students for Life at UC Davis	The mission of Students for Life at UC Davis is to present the rational and scientific case for the preservation of unborn life. We emphasize doing so in a way which is both empathetic and respectful to all perspectives on this contentious issue. This will promote an open-minded and good-spirited dialogue so that UC Davis students may, individually, reach informed, conscientious answers to this formative question.
Surgery Education and Mentorship Academy	Surgery Education and Mentorship Academy (SEMA) provides opportunities and events for medical students and undergraduates interested in surgery to learn and experience surgery through lectures, speakers, interactive wet labs, and mentoring activities.
Surgery Student Interest Group	Founded in the spring of 2002 by UC Davis medical students interested in general surgery and the surgical subspecialties, SSIG aims to increase exposure to the world of surgery. An early introduction to the field forms the core of our philosophy, and we offer preclinical experiences through mentoring programs, conferences, workshops and a journal club. We collaborate with academic attendings, residents, and community surgeons to provide a forum for students to explore surgical issues and opportunities and to develop information networks. Our efforts arose in part to counteract the recent declining interest in the surgical field as reflected by the falling number of applicants to surgical residencies. We hope to stimulate interest in the world of surgery and aid students in making insightful career decisions.
Ultrasound Student Interest Group	Ultrasound technology is becoming more widespread to diagnose disease processes, guide procedures, and to guide clinical decision making. The Ultrasound SIG will provide students from all medical school classes with hands-on experience and interactive lectures to develop greater student interest and proficiency in the use of bedside ultrasound.
Wilderness Medicine Student Interest Group	The Wilderness Medicine Student Interest Group was established to promote interest in the practice of Wilderness Medicine. The practice of medicine in the wilderness requires one to balance the dynamic environments likely to be encountered with the required portability of care.

Is the Student Interest Group you'd like to join not on this list? Then you can start your own! We're here to help you do so.

Contact Bren or Lao in their Student Commons office.