

Annual Report 2023



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Physician Health

Practice Health

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Mission and History

The Nashville Academy of Medicine, established in 1821, is a professional organization that has grown from seven physicians to nearly 2,300 since its inception. NAM represents the medical profession in matters of importance to our members and the community they serve. Maintaining the integrity of the medical profession and ensuring that physicians can continue to provide patients with excellent care has been our strength for generations.

The Nashville Academy supports physician health, practice health, and community health. We support doctors with education, peer-to-peer networking, leadership training, business resources, and other programs that help them grow personally and professionally.

The Academy's goals include maintaining high standards of medical practice, professionalism, and ethical conduct, and promoting the common interests and unity of physicians in our community. NAM sponsors various programs and activities addressing local needs and contributing to a healthier community.

100% Membership Groups



Membership Overview

219 medical practices

92 specialties & subspecialties

2,300 members

Day on the Hill

Doctors' Day on the Hill was a great success and a welcome return to in-person meetings with our elected representatives in the Tennessee General Assembly.

The Nashville Academy of Medicine was represented by 70 members including physicians, residents, and medical students. On behalf of the entire membership, thank you to each of those who attended for giving of your time to represent the issues of importance to physicians today, including balance billing, step therapy reform, scope of practice, and telehealth. This annual event presents a great opportunity for members to engage in health policy and provide essential input on behalf of their patients.

Save the Date for Doctors' Day on the Hill 2024 happening on March 5, 2024. More details and information can be found at: nashvillemedicine.org/membership/events



House of Delegates

Delegates participated in a special session featuring a presentation from Nashville Academy of Medicine member and American Medical Association President-Elect, Jesse Ehrenfeld, MD. Dr. Ehrenfeld emphasized common areas of interest between the national and state medical organizations including finding a fix to prior authorization burdens, reforming Medicare payment to physicians, fighting scope of practice creep, supporting telehealth, firearm safety, and reducing physician burnout.

The TMA awarded three outstanding physician awards for 2023. Dr. M. Kevin Smith was nominated by NAM, recognizing him for his work in many capacities of medical education, primary care, TN-ACP leadership, and as TMA president during the COVID-19 pandemic. Delegates in the House approved a number of resolutions that will impact the practice of medicine and patient health in Tennessee.

Thank you also to our own, Dr. Trey Lee for his leadership as Vice-Speaker of the House, and congratulations on his re-election to a third term in the role.



Student & Resident Engagement

The Nashville Academy of Medicine is delighted to have such a strong section of medical student, resident, and fellow members. They attend NAM events, network with practicing and retired members, serve as representatives of their colleagues at the House of Delegates, pursue health policy at Doctors' Day on the Hill, and work with NAM's practicing physician leaders through their engagement on the Caduceus Council. Some residents and students even support the Medical Foundation of Nashville's events and programs as participants and volunteers.

Students and residents interested in engagement opportunities should contact Jessica Miller, Director of Physician and Community Engagement at jmiller@nashvillemedicine.org.



Sponsors

We extend our gratitude to our generous sponsors whose collective support empowers the Nashville Academy of Medicine's enduring commitment to excellence in medical practice and community health. Your dedication fosters physician growth through education, networking, leadership training, and business support. Together, we champion professional standards, address local needs, and contribute to a healthier community. Thank you for partnering with us this year.



Events 2024

January 30 - President's Reception

March 5 - Doctors' Day on the Hill

April 6 - TMA House of Delegates

July/August - Student and Resident Welcome Reception

October 26 - 2024 Physicians Ball Benefiting the Medical Foundation of Nashville

November - NAM Legislative Reception

December 5 - Holiday Open House

To stay up to date on events and other engagement opportunities with NAM, sign up for NAM News at: <https://bit.ly/NAMenews>





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