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## ANNUAL REPORT

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# MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

In 2024, NAM marked a year of continued growth and impact, building on our commitment to supporting physicians, advancing medical practices, and strengthening our community. Since our founding in 1821, NAM has proudly advocated for the voices of physician leaders, promoting the integrity of the medical profession and highlighting the extraordinary contributions our physicians make every day.

This year, we were honored to welcome 284 new members, each bringing fresh perspectives and energy to our membership community. As we expanded our reach, we deepened our impact by offering targeted education, fostering connections within peer-to-peer networks, and raising awareness about the critical challenges and opportunities shaping the future of medicine.

None of this would have been possible without your ongoing support, active engagement, and dedication to the values we share. We are grateful for your membership and partnership throughout 2024.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue working together to advance the collective interests of physicians and the medical profession in 2025 and beyond.



**REBECCA LESLIE, MBA**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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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 along with contributing to a healthier community.

# MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

We are thrilled to have such broad representation throughout the Middle Tennessee community engaging nearly 2,300 members representing all hospitals and medical staffs, hundreds of individual practices, and more than 90 specialties and subspecialties. Thank you to the following practices who support our organization with 100% membership for their physicians.


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# DAY ON THE HILL

Doctors' Day on the Hill 2024 was a resounding success filled with statewide networking and in-person meetings with our elected representatives in the Tennessee General Assembly.

The Nashville Academy of Medicine was proudly represented by a large group of members, including physicians, residents, and medical students. On behalf of our entire membership, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to those who attended and dedicated their time to advocate for critical issues affecting the medical profession. These key topics of discussion include insurance recoupment, team-based care, physician wellness, and the Dr. Benjamin Mauck Act.

This annual event provides a valuable opportunity for members to engage directly in health policy, offering essential input that impacts both physicians and their patients.

Save the date for Doctors' Day on the Hill 2025, which will be held on March 4.

Additional details and information will be available at <https://nashvillemedicine.org/membership/events/>



# HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The Nashville Academy of Medicine was honored once again to have the largest delegation in attendance at the TMA House of Delegates in 2024. Our delegation included representation from small and large groups, hospital staff, residents, students, and retired physicians. The TMA House of Delegates debated a variety of topics with impacts on physicians and patients, and the house took action within the following five areas:

- Preserving the integrity of physician-patient communications
- Ensuring physician autonomy in hospital settings
- Supporting children's physical and mental health
- Preparing for the emergence of artificial intelligence in medicine
- Protecting physicians' ability to provide evidence-based maternal healthcare

American Medical Association (AMA) President-Elect Bruce Scott, MD, addressed the House ahead of his upcoming term as President of the AMA. Dr. Scott spoke of his outlook as upcoming AMA president, and he encouraged physicians to join in supporting the work of the AMA through membership. The House of Delegates will reconvene on May 17 at the Embassy Suites in Franklin, TN.

Congratulations to our own Dr. Trey Lee for his election as speaker of the house for the 2025 House of Delegates.





# LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

The Nashville Academy of Medicine hosted a Legislative Dinner and Reception attended by NAM leaders and special guests, Senator Heidi Campbell, Representative Harold Love, Jr., and Representative Caleb Hemmer on November 12th. This intimate gathering created a unique opportunity for our NAM leaders to engage in meaningful discussions with legislators about the Tennessee Medical Association's legislative priorities, fostering a collaborative dialogue on the issues that matter most to physicians.



# STUDENT AND RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT

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The Nashville Academy of Medicine is honored to have such a vibrant and engaged section of medical students, residents, and fellows. These individuals play a vital role in the Academy by attending NAM events, networking with practicing and retired members, and representing their peers at the House of Delegates.

They are also actively involved in health policy advocacy through their participation in Doctors' Day on the Hill and regularly collaborate with NAM's physician leaders on the Caduceus Council.

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# STUDENT AND RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT CONTINUED

Many residents and students contribute to the success of the Nashville Academy of Medicine, offering their support beyond the classroom as they engage in our programs and events. We were excited to welcome the inaugural class of students at the Thomas F. Frist, Jr. College of Medicine at Belmont University as student members of NAM in 2024.

Are you interested in engagement opportunities? Contact the Director of Physician and Community Engagement, Jessica Jackson, at [jjackson@nashvillemedicine.org](mailto:jjackson@nashvillemedicine.org).



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# SPONSORS



We extend our gratitude for the generosity of our sponsors whose collective support empowers the Nashville Academy of Medicine's enduring commitment to excellence in medical practice and community health.

Your continual 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.

# 2025 EVENTS



**Thursday, January 23**  
NAM President's Reception and MFN  
Annual Meeting at Maggiano's

**Tuesday, March 4**  
Doctors' Day on the Hill with TMA

**April (TBD)**  
Pizza and Politics

**Saturday, May 17**  
TMA House of Delegates



**August or September (TBD)**  
Student & Resident Welcome Event

**September or November (TBD)**  
2025 NAM Legislative Dinner

**Saturday, October 25**  
Physicians Ball benefiting  
MFN at 14TENN

**Thursday, December 4**  
Holiday Open House





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