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Alliance of Alpert Redefining Professionals

The Alliance of Alpert Redefining Professionals is a group created for non-traditional students. The group is aimed at medical students who are 'career changers' or have extensive professional experience prior to entering medical school. Meetings of the Alliance of Alpert Redefining Professionals are intended to provide social, professional, and personal support.

Student Life Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Danielle Hollenbeck-Pringle (danielle_hollenbeck-pringle@brown.edu), Alec Kinczewski (alec_kinczewski@brown.edu), Meagan Kozhimala (meagan_kozhimala@brown.edu), Christopher Barry (christopher_barry@brown.edu), Michael Zaskey (michael_zaskey@brown.edu)

Alpert Medical Legislative Advocacy Group (AMLAG)

This group organizes, educates, and empowers AMS students to proactively engage in legislative advocacy to promote policy change in Rhode Island and the future communities they serve.

Advocacy/Service Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Marie Anderson (marie_anderson@brown.edu), Kristy Blackwood (kristy_blackwood@brown.edu), Matt Hagan (matthew_hagan@brown.edu), Shital Shah (shital_shah@brown.edu), Lindsey Vandergrift (lindsey_vandergrift@brown.edu), Kevin Wang (kevin_wang2@brown.edu)

Faculty Advisor: Elizabeth Tobin-Tyler

Al’s Pals

Al’s Pals is a student-led initiative at AMS designed to facilitate the transition to medical school. Al’s Pals (Al as in Alpert) pairs up interested incoming M1s with “buddy” M2 pals. Your Pal will help answer questions you have about medical school, Brown, and Providence, and dispense age-old wisdom that has sustained medical students over the generations. (Tip #173: Most students preferred Netter’s over Gray’s anatomy text). Al’s Pals also runs events during the year to enhance the student body’s social and mental well-being.

Student Life Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Kelsey Anderson (kelsey_anderson@brown.edu), Toby Nicholson (tobias_nicholson@brown.edu), Tina Hinman (tina_hinman@brown.edu), Connie Panton (constance_panton@brown.edu), Olivia Recabo (olivia_recabo@brown.edu)

Faculty advisor: Jordan White

American Medical Association

The AMA Medical Student Section (MSS) is dedicated to representing medical students, improving medical education, developing leadership, and promoting activism for the health of America. The AMA-MSS is the largest and most influential organization of medical students in the country. Members of our chapter have the opportunity to write resolutions about policy matters important to them and can travel (all expenses paid!) to AMA’s biannual meetings in locations like San Diego and Honolulu to debate their resolutions.

Medical Association Representative. 2018-19 Leaders: Kevin Tang (kevin_tang@brown.edu), Ronald Aakiki (ronald_aakiki@brown.edu), Krisia Rivera (krisia_rivera@brown.edu), Alice Chu (alice_chu@brown.edu), Emily Derecktor (emily_derecktor@brown.edu), Alec Kinczewski (alec_kinczewski@brown.edu), Katie Hsia (katie_hsia@brown.edu)

American Medical Women’s Association

The American Medical Women’s Association is an organization which functions at the local, national, and international level to advance women in medicine and improve women’s health. We achieve this by providing and developing leadership, advocacy, education, expertise, mentoring, and strategic alliances. AMWA membership is comprised of physicians, residents, medical students, pre-medical students, health care professionals, and supporters. AMWA is the oldest multi-specialty organization dedicated to advancing women in medicine and improving women’s health.

Medical Association Representative. 2018-19 Leaders: Julia Festa (julia_festa@brown.edu), Alex Rosenthal (alex_rosenthal1@brown.edu), Joanna Georgakas (joanna_georgakas@brown.edu), Kristina Hinman (kristina_hinman@brown.edu), Sarah Hays (sarah_hays@brown.edu), Sahar Shahamatdar (sahar_shahamatdar@brown.edu)

Faculty advisors: Katherine Sharkey and Reena Bhatt

AMS Arts Council

The AMS Arts Council is a student-led organization that curates annual exhibitions held within the Alpert Medical School. Our objectives are two-fold. First, we aim to highlight, showcase, and provide a venue for the diverse talents and creative expressions of the AMS community. In our exhibitions, we work to display pieces of any medium from AMS students, faculty, and staff. Second, we hope to inspire humanism and wellness in our peers, colleagues, and guests, by creating space to pause in a field that only seems to barrel forward without opportunity for reflection.

Student Life Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Grace Sun (grace_sun@brown.edu), Adrian Chiem (adrian_chiem@brown.edu)
AMS Environmental Coalition (AMS ECo)
AMS ECo works to promote sustainability at AMS through several initiatives. First, ECo aims to identify areas for improvement in conservation and sustainability at the medical school and implement actionable change through quality improvement projects. Second, ECo aims to provide an interdisciplinary education around the impact of the environment on human health. Third, ECo aims to raise awareness on the role of healthcare waste on climate change. Through these goals, ECo strives to make AMS a leader in sustainability among medical schools across the nation.

Advocacy/Service Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Sarah Hsu (Sarah_hsu@brown.edu), Drew Cox (Drew_cox@brown.edu), Mattie Boehner-Tatman (mattie_boehler-tatman@brown.edu)

AMS Fun Book Club
We will be reading books and having discussions on a monthly basis. Genres will include fiction and creative nonfiction. We will provide cheap/free books for people to read.
Student Life Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Pamela Yan pamela_yan@brown.edu, Elaina Wang elaina_wang@brown.edu

AMS Immigrant Rights Coalition
AMS Immigrant Rights Coalition seeks to promote the health of immigrant communities in Rhode Island and beyond. We firmly believe that medical students and physicians have a crucial role to play in advocating for vulnerable populations such as undocumented, refugee, asylee, and other immigrant populations. It is our goal to advocate for these populations by addressing systemic issues affecting their health and by finding new ways to engage with these communities.

Advocacy/Service Group. 2018-2019 Leaders: Krissia Rivera Perla (krissia_rivera@brown.edu), Vivian Chan (vivian-chan@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Joseph Diaz

AMS Latin Dance Club
AMS Latin Dance Club is dedicated to cultivating and sharing our passion for salsa, bachata and other styles of Latin dance at the medical school. We invite students from all backgrounds and skill levels to learn and hone their skills on the dance floor, through social dancing and semi-annual performances.
Student Life Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Vivian Chan (vivian-chan@brown.edu), Yilena Jimenez (yilena_jimenez@brown.edu), Lindsay Dreizler (lindsay_dreizler@brown.edu), Alice Chu (alice_chu@brown.edu)

AMS Low Yield
Low Yield is the twice-annual student variety show. The goal is to provide an incredibly important platform for AMS students to come together to share their talents with one another. As medical schools are becoming more tuned in to the mental health of their students, Low Yield has been invaluable in providing a low-stress forum where AMS students can share their experiences.

Student Life Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Emily Derecktor (emily_derecktor@brown.edu), Jason Tsichlis (jason_tischlis@brown.edu), Alice Chu (alice_chu@brown.edu), Gisel Bello (gisel_bello@brown.edu)

AMS Mahjong Club
The AMS Mahjong Club brings together both AMS students who have a passion for playing mahjong, a popular tile game that originated in China, as well as those who share an interest in learning about Asian culture. We hope to create a fun and diverse environment promoting student wellness and cultural exchange, but most importantly, enjoy a game with significant history.

Student Life Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Vivian Chan (vivian-chan@brown.edu), Tony Yao (anthony_yao@brown.edu), Kevin Tang (kevin_tang@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Wen-Qing Li

AMS Nutrition and Wellness
AMS Nutrition and Wellness aims to increase medical students’ education and awareness around nutrition during the preclinical years in order to promote healthy eating habits and wellness for both ourselves and our patients. This student group will focus primarily on holding events which not only teach nutrition from an academic/medical standpoint, but also demonstrate how students can incorporate healthier eating into their own demanding schedules. The group will work to provide these healthier foods to students during the events, and facilitate better eating for other student-run events as well. Finally, emphasis will be placed on gaining more education and practice on nutrition behavior change counseling with patients.

Student Life Group. 2018-19 Student Leaders: Erica Veazey (erica_veazey@brown.edu), Sarah Frantz (sarah_frantz@brown.edu)

AMS Pan-African Dance
AMS Pan-African Dance brings students of all backgrounds and skill levels together to teach the variety of dances found in the African Diaspora. This group promotes wellness, creativity, and the diversity of African cultures from West African, to the Caribbean, to the United States and everywhere in between.

**Student Life Group. 2018-19 Leaders:** Danielle Charles-Chauvet (danielle_charles-chauvet@brown.edu), Chibuikem Nwizu (chibuikem_nwizu@brown.edu)

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**AMS Poetry Collective**

As a collective of medical student poets, our purpose is to foster an environment in which our poetic creativity can be nurtured, and to keep our love of writing and the literary arts from falling through the cracks of our medical education. We aim to motivate students to write and critique poetry at least once each block, as we strive to find a cathartic and rewarding outlet for the ups and downs of our medical school journey. We will mold and coax each other’s thoughts and reflections into exceptional verse and share the products of our efforts through multiple mediums.

**Student Life Group. 2018-19 Student Leader:** Pamela Yan (pamela_yan@brown.edu)

*Faculty advisor: Christine Montross*

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**AMS RIFC Volunteers (ARV)**

AMS RIFC Volunteers: ARV provides opportunities for medical students to work in a variety of clinical support roles within Rhode Island Free Clinic (RIFC). The roles of our volunteers include (but are not limited to) patient intake (medical histories and basic vitals), medical interpreting, scribing, providing health screenings at local events, and general patient advocacy.

**Advocacy/Service Group. 2018-19 Leaders:** christian_shigley@brown.edu, joshua_hughes@brown.edu, jessica_cao@brown.edu

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**AMS Student Ambassadors**

In collaboration with the Brown Medical Annual Fund, we envision a student ambassador program which is intimate enough to engage student ambassadors on a frequent basis, yet broad enough to represent the vast diversity that exists amongst the Alpert Medical School student population. Through recruitment and an application process, we will attract ambassadors with an array of life experiences that can effectively represent the skills, views, and hopes of AMS. In our opinion, the ideal Student Ambassador has exceptional social skills, an interest in institutional advancement, the capacity to engage alumni in thoughtful conversation, and appropriately represents the school.

**Advocacy/Service Group. 2018-19 Leaders:** John Milner (john_milner@brown.edu), Alec Kinczewski (alec_kinczewski@brown.edu)

*Advisors: Caitlin Krouse, Hope Parish*

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**AMS-BRYTE**

AMS-BRYTE is a student group dedicated to providing a med-student arm to Brown Refugee Youth Tutoring and Enrichment, an organization staffed and run by undergraduate students at Brown University. As a member of its medical student arm, you will have the opportunity to connect with and learn from a greater organization focusing on the intersection of the health and educational needs of the refugee community in Providence.

**Advocacy/Service Group. 2018-19 Leaders:** Pranati Panuganti (pranati_panuganti@brown.edu), Adrian Chiem (adrian_chiem@brown.edu), Kaelo Moahi (kaelo_moahi@brown.edu)

*Faculty advisor: Carol Lewis*

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**Anesthesiology Interest Group**

The goal of the Anesthesiology Interest Group is to expose medical students to the diverse clinical practice of anesthesiology, introduce topics pertaining to sub-specialization, clinical research, advocacy, provide networking opportunities with faculty, and foster career development for interested medical students.

**Specialty Interest Group. 2018-19 Leaders:** Travis Brown (travis_brown1@brown.edu), Rudy Chen (rudy_chen@brown.edu), Christian Shigley (christian_shigley@brown.edu), Elizabeth O'Connell (elizabeth_oconnell@brown.edu)

*Faculty advisor: Maurice Joyce*

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**Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA)**

The Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association (APAMSA) aims to collaborate with community organizations to advocate, educate, and engage unique health challenges affecting Asian populations. We hold workshops and community educational events that aim to promote the health of the local Asian Pacific Islander American communities and empower them through education, as well as helping educate our fellow physicians on how to care for our patients in a culturally sensitive manner. Throughout the year we also host social events to celebrate cultural holidays and dinner events to provide opportunities for our members to network with Asian American physicians in Providence.

**Medical Association Representative. 2018-19 Leaders:** Boyd Qu (boyd_qu@brown.edu), Kevin Tang (kevin_tang@brown.edu), Pranati
Association of Women Surgeons (AWS)
The Brown Chapter of the Association of Women Surgeons aims to provide early exposure, opportunities, and support to women exploring and pursuing careers in surgical disciplines. The mission of the Brown med student chapter of AWS is to inspire, encourage, and enable aspiring women surgeons to realize their personal and professional goals. Furthermore, this group encourages discussion about the future of women in surgery including conversations about making surgical careers more appealing and amenable to women. This organization hosts panels of women surgeons to provide an insight into career selection, work-life balance, and addressing student questions. We provide networking and research opportunities through exposure to mentors. Skills workshops are held to give students opportunities to learn and practice skills in pre-clinical years to be better equipped for clerkships. The group welcomes participants of any gender to attend any event.

Medical Association Representative. 2018-19 Leaders: Fiona Chen (fiona_chen1@brown.edu), Pamela Yan (pamela_yan@brown.edu), Sarah Hays (sarah_hays@brown.edu), Eva Koeller (eva_koeller@brown.edu), Lillian Dominguez (lillian_dominguez@brown.edu), Stephanie Maldonado (stephanie_maldonado@brown.edu), Caryl Cobb (caryl_cobb@brown.edu), Sandra Yan (sandra_yan@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Beth Ryder

BFSC-RIFC (Brown Free Student Clinic - Rhode Island Free Clinic)
Brown Free Student Clinic - Rhode Island Free Clinic (RIFC) is student run clinic out of RIFC that provides high quality primary care to patients who do not qualify for Medicare/Medicaid but cannot afford private insurance or are not provided it by their employers. M1 students are paired with M3 students to conduct initial 60 minute interviews with patients and then together report their findings to a volunteer physician, collaborate to create a care plan, and the together the team revisits the patient. This is the perfect opportunity for AMS students to practice their clinical skills in a safe and supportive environment while gaining exposure to working with uninsured populations and learning about the extensive free services available to this population. Also great practice for working with translators as many patients only speak Spanish.

Advocacy/Service Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Zachary Gold (zachary_gold@brown.edu), Wenzheng Yu (wenzheng_yu@brown.edu), Maia Dinsmore (maia_dinsmore@brown.edu), Alec Kinczewski (alec_kinczewski@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Beth Ryder

BrainStation
BrainStation is an interactive, scientific, student development workshop taught and led by Brown medical and graduate students designed to bring the study of the brain to children in elementary school. BrainStation’s mission is to increase awareness of the brain and mental illness systematically by educating children during the earliest years of elementary school. Teaching children about the brain during their early development will help them to understand how the brain functions properly and will help to reduce stigmas and biases associated with mental illness.

Advocacy/Service Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Julia bassell@brown.edu, Emily jaimerena@brown.edu, Benjamin pallant@brown.edu, Nicholas_strada@brown.edu, Jack ruddell@brown.edu, Sarah frantz@brown.edu, Devin morris@brown.edu, Lindsey pileika@brown.edu, Erica Veazey@brown.edu, James Robbins@brown.edu, Derrick Cheng@brown.edu
Faculty advisor: Stephen Mernoff

Breeze Against Wheeze
We are a group of medical students who are continuing the tradition in our medical school of supporting children with asthma and promoting asthma and health education by hosting an annual 5k. The charity race was started in 2001 by a Brown University Medical student to raise funds for the Hasbro Children’s Hospital Asthma Camp, a project of the Community Asthma Program. This camp is designed especially for underprivileged Rhode Island children with asthma.

Advocacy/Service Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Sarah Frantz (sarah_frantz@brown.edu), Tina Hinman (tina_hinman@brown.edu), Julia Bassell (julia_bassell@brown.edu)

Brown Agriculture Nutrition and Community Health (BrANCH)
Brown Agriculture Nutrition and Community Health (BrANCH) seeks to address disparities in access to green spaces, nutrition, and health and science education, through the development and maintenance of green spaces in community settings and corresponding curricula focused on environmental health and nutrition. BrANCH builds upon the foundation of a past student group of the same name. Currently BrANCH works in partnership with Elizabeth Baldwin Elementary School and Brown Department of Family Medicine to expand the garden and green spaces around Baldwin Elementary. BrANCH volunteers will assist in the planting, maintenance, and education around these expanded green spaces, and serve as assistants in Baldwin’s health courses. BrANCH will collaborate with Baldwin and Brown Family Med residents and staff to ensure that students learn about the sources of their food, the
nutritional value of fresh produce, and the role of green spaces in personal and community health. We hope this initiative will encourage members of the Rhode Island community, especially children and adolescents, to continue advocating for their most comprehensive health, from nutrition to neighborhood well-being.

**Advocacy/Service Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Jessica Hoffen (jessica_hoffen@brown.edu); Laura Hamett (laura_hamett@brown.edu); Jin Lee (jin_lee@brown.edu); Odette Zero (odette_zero@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Carol Green

### Brown General Surgery Society
Society of students at AMS interested in attending surgical events, networking with surgical faculty, and pursuing careers related to surgery and general surgery.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Lindsey Kahan (Lindsey_kahan@brown.edu), Krissia Rivera Perla (krissia_rivera@brown.edu)
Faculty Advisor: Travis Cotton

### Brown Grad/Med Christian Fellowship
The Brown Grad/Med Christian Fellowship is a community of graduate & medical students seeking to follow and worship Jesus in all of life. We are committed to spiritual formation, academic excellence, and Christian witness. Together we are learning what it might mean to live as a Christian in our vocations. We welcome people from any and all faith backgrounds!

**Student Life Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Vivian Chan (Vivian_Chan@brown.edu), William Hogan (william_hogan@brown.edu), Kevin Simmons (kevin_simmons@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Travis Cotton

### Brown Human Rights Asylum Clinic (BHRAC)
BHRAC provides medical and psychological evaluations to individuals seeking asylum in the Providence area. Through a partnership with Physicians for Human Rights, BHRAC is committed to helping victims of torture and abuse gain the support they need to receive refuge in the United States.

**Advocacy/Service Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Nicole Thomasian (nicole_thomasian@brown.edu), Nina Kvaratskhelia (nina_kvaratskhelia@brown.edu), Grace Sun (grace_sun@brown.edu), Kaelo Moahi (kaelo_moahi@brown.edu), Lanbo Yang (lanbo_yang@brown.edu), Lindsay Dreizler (lindsay_dreizler@brown.edu), Melanie Brown (melanie_brown@brown.edu), Saisanjana Kalagara (saisanjana_kalagara@brown.edu), Vivian Chan (vivian_chan@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Elizabeth Toll

### Brown Med BhangraNatyam
Brown Med BhangraNatyam joins two traditionally Indian dance styles, Bhangra and Bhartanatyam. We love to dance, and we invite all interested students with all levels of dance experience to come dance with us!

**Student Life Group.** 2018-19 Leader: Pranati Panuganti (pranati_panuganti@brown.edu)

### Brown Med Hip Hop
Brown Med Hip Hop is a space for those interested in Hip Hop and Urban Dance to come together and teach choreography or make trips to local hip hop studios to take workshops. Medical students of all levels are welcome to learn and share their passion of dance.

**Student Life Group.** 2018-19 Leader: Kevin Tang (kevin_tang@brown.edu)

### Brown Medical Venture Group (BMVG)
Brown Med Venture Group is a student-run organization that focuses on assessing the viability of early stage healthcare startups from both a scientific and financial perspective. We work toward furthering Brown’s reputation as a hub for innovation in medicine, biotechnology and the life sciences.

**Student Life Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Tony Yao (anthony_yao@brown.edu), Roja Garimella (roja_garimella@brown.edu)

### Brown Opioid Activists
The purpose of Brown Opioid Activists is to raise awareness about the opioid epidemic in Rhode Island and throughout the nation and act towards addressing and providing solutions to opioid use disorder and its implications. Brown Opioid Activists will also host awareness campaigns and meetings with medical leaders and state officials with expertise in the field.

**Advocacy/Service Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Soha Ghanian (soha_ghanian@brown.edu), Ghazal Aghagoli (ghazal_aghagoli@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Paul George

### Brown Vision Initiative
Brown Vision Initiative (BVI) is a volunteer organization run by Alpert Medical School students. We provide comprehensive eye exams to uninsured patients once a month at the Rhode Island Free Clinic (RIFC). Screenings
are open to RIFC patients and patients referred to RIFC by community doctors. Students who participate in the screenings gain exposure to ophthalmology and have many opportunities to work closely with patients and ophthalmologists in the field.

**Advocacy/Service Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Kevin Tang (kevin_tang@brown.edu), Anthony Yao (anthony_yao@brown.edu), Sydney Tan (sydney_tang@brown.edu), Constance Panton (constance_panton@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Lin Chou

**Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Interest Group**
The Child Psychiatry Interest group facilitates exploration, mentorship, and leadership in child and adolescent psychiatry. Members learn about child psychiatry through interactive case presentations, opportunities to shadow and conduct independent research. The Child Psych Interest Group is a part of the Henrietta Leonard Medical Student Training Program at Bradley Hospital which aims to further research in pediatric mental health and cultivate more child and adolescent psychiatrists.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Liliana Luna-Nelson (liliana_luna-nelson@brown.edu), Erica Lee (erica_j_lee@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Elizabeth Lowenhaupt

**Climbing Interest Group**
We will try to go rock climbing weekly and maybe plan outdoor climbing trips if possible.

**Student Life Group.** 2018-19 Leader: Hyung Jin Lee (hyung_jin_lee@brown.edu)

**Clinica Esperanza Hope Clinic**
Clinica Esperanza is a free clinic that provides healthcare for underserved and uninsured people in Providence. Medical students have the opportunity to work with this clinic through: 1) the student-run free clinic (partner with clinical students to conduct a full patient visit under the supervision of a physician preceptor), or 2) intake volunteering (medical histories, basic vitals, and health screenings). Clinica Esperanza serves a largely Hispanic, undocumented patient population in Providence by providing them with high quality primary care. Getting involved at Clinica is an incredible opportunity to get hands-on clinical experience and serve the surrounding Providence community!

**Advocacy/Service Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Student Clinic Board: Naaman Mehta (naaman_mehta@brown.edu), Emily Derecktor (emily_derecktor@brown.edu), Stefan Rodriguez (stefan_rodriguez@brown.edu), Diana Ponitz (diana ponitz@brown.edu), Lanbo Yang (lanbo_yang@brown.edu), Melanie Brown (melanie brown@brown.edu)
2018-19 Intake Volunteer Coordinators: Laura Harrison (laura harrison@brown.edu), Matt Neale (matthew neale@brown.edu), Marcus Karim (marcus karim@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Joseph Garland

**Coalition for Geriatrics, Aging, and Critical Gerontology**
The Coalition for Geriatrics, Aging, and Critical Gerontology provides students with opportunities to understand and engage with the social, political, and medical components of the aging experience. Grounded in a framework that aging is not simply an inevitable biological process, the Coalition works toward expanding a critical understanding of the aging body and deconstructing the ways in which biomedicine contributes to the narratives surrounding its worth. This group provides a space for students to learn about aging and working with older people regardless of future specialty interest.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018-19 Leader: Sarah Kler (sarah_kler@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Lynn McNicoll

**Connect Soccer Academy**
Connect Soccer Academy is a collaboration between the Brown Refugee Youth Tutoring and Enrichment Program (BRYTE), AMS, and Bruno United F.C., a local club soccer team. Our goal is to use “the beautiful game” (soccer) to create a familiar space for refugee children during the arduous process of resettlement here in Providence. We aim to foster confidence, bicultural pride, and inclusion. As part of the program, volunteers are trained to run weekly soccer drills and scrimmages to provide a structured and fun experience as well as biweekly teaching sessions on topics including concussions, injuries, exercise physiology, the effects of drugs and alcohol, and mental health.

**Advocacy/Service Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Bryan Rego (bryan_rego@brown.edu), Andrew Del Re (andrew del re@brown.edu)

**Dermatology Interest Group**
The Dermatology Interest Group (DIG) is committed to providing volunteering, networking, and research opportunities to medical students interested in a career in dermatology. DIG’s mission is to: a) Provide a support group and community for students considering a career in dermatology; b) Provide opportunities for students to form productive relationships with other students and members in the field of dermatology; c) Provide a forum for
communication and accurate information exchange between students, residents, and program directors on topics
pertinent to a career in dermatology; and d) Provide access to a network for a collaboration on projects and
volunteer and service activities among dermatology interest groups nationwide through the Dermatology Interest
Group Association.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Beth Anne George (elisabeth_george@brown.edu), Sunmee Huh (sunmee_huh@brown.edu), Moniyka Sachar (moniyka_sachar@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Leslie Robinson-Bostom

**Disabilities in Medicine**
The Disabilities in Medicine Group is focused on providing events and educational programming for medical
students around the identity, lived experiences, and barriers to care among populations of patients within the
Disability community. Disabilities in Medicine hosts events and speakers to facilitate discussions surrounding issues
of disability justice, accessibility, and ableism in order to deconstruct and unlearn conventional understandings of disability in the context of medical education.

**Advocacy/Service Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Hannah Kerman (hannah_kerman@brown.edu), Kristina Hinman (kristina_hinman@brown.edu)

**Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG)**
The Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG) is dedicated to helping students learn more about emergency
medicine and its subspecialties. We collaborate with physicians to host lectures, workshops, and panels on
procedural skills, including intubation, surgical airway, suturing, IV/IO access, and lumbar puncture. We also
organize Medical student contributions to the Brown EM Residency blog and provide students with opportunities to participate in the Critical Care Shadowing Program and research.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Fiona Chen (fiona_chen1@brown.edu), Maia Dinsmore (maia_dinsmore@brown.edu), Lindsay Dreizler (lindsay_dreizler@brown.edu), Christiana Prucnal (christiana_prucnal@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Rachel Fowler

**ENT Interest Group**
ENT (Ears, Nose, Throat) is an exciting surgical sub-specialty. ENT is practiced by otolaryngologists who are the
medical and surgical experts of everything below the eyes and above the shoulders. The ENT Interest Group
connects students with shadowing, suturing practice, and research opportunities with otolaryngologists in
Providence and Boston.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018-19 Leader: William Hogan (william_hogan@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Jan Groblewski

**Entrepreneurship Interest Group**
The Entrepreneurship Interest Group is a student organization that brings together medical students interested in
innovation and entrepreneurship. The group's mission is to foster learning about physician- and
student-entrepreneurship and to encourage involvement in ventures. Through skills workshops, speaker series with
founders and investors, attending conferences, visiting startup headquarters, idea pitch nights, and networking gatherings, students in the
Entrepreneurship Interest Group can cultivate valuable connections and learn about starting and investing in
companies first-hand.

**Student Life Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Roja Garimella (roja_garimella@brown.edu); Michael Woods (michael_woods1@brown.edu)

**Family Medicine Interest Group**
The Family Medicine Interest Group is designed to provide a forum for students interested in entering the field of
Family Medicine. The group hosts panels, workshops, and discussions that will expose medical students to the wide
breadth of FM practice.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Danielle Hollenbeck-Pringle (danielle_hollenbeck-pringle@brown.edu), Rose Montplaisir (rose_montplaisir@brown.edu), Erica Veazey (erica_veazey@brown.edu), Natasha Furtado Dalomba (natasha_furtado_dalomba@brown.edu), Tobias Nicholson (tobias_nicholson@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Andrea Arena

**Global Health Society**
Alpert Medical School's organization for all those interested in Global Health. We organize events like lunch talks, move screenings, patient simulations, and panels for students interested in learning more about Global Health and how to get involved in Global Health work and/or research as a medical student. If students come into medical
school with a specific existing interest in global health, we aim to connect her with a mentor working in that space.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018–19 Leaders: Alex Gould (alexander_gould@brown.edu), Naaman Mehta (naaman_mehta@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Susin Cu-Uvin

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**Health Career Opportunities Reimagined (HealthCORE)**

HealthCORE, a two-week immersive pre-health summer program based at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, was established to address the shortage of URM youth pursuing and succeeding in health careers. The program is committed to enriching youth experiences in Rhode Island and supporting the future of Rhode Island’s most underserved communities.

High school students who complete our summer session will also be a part of HealthCORE+ (Plus). This portion of the program connects students to opportunities in health in their local communities throughout the year. We hope that through our interactive summer curriculum, mentorship, and engagement in health opportunities, our students will feel empowered to pursue health careers.

**Advocacy/Service Group.** 2018–19 Leaders: Natasha Furtado Dalomba (natasha_furtado_dalomba@brown.edu), Andrew Del Re (Andrew_Del_Re@brown.edu)
Faculty advisors: Paul George

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**Internal Medicine Interest Group**

The Internal Medicine Interest Group (IMIG) hosts several events each year to acquaint medical students with information about internal medicine and its subspecialties: adolescent medicine, cardiology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, hematology, immunology, infectious disease, nephrology, oncology, pulmonology, rheumatology, and sports medicine. Whether you’re interested in general internal medicine or a specific subspecialty, IMIG can help introduce you to the wide world of possibilities within internal medicine.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018–19 Leaders: Kelsey Anderson (kelsey_anderson@brown.edu), Olivia Ziegler (olivia_ziegler@brown.edu), Michelle Kwon (michelle_kwon@brown.edu), Katie Hsia (katie_hsia@brown.edu)

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**Interventional Radiology Interest Group**

The Interventional Radiology Interest Group works to introduce and expose first and second year students to the procedurally focused field of interventional radiology. Interventional radiology is a specialty that addresses problems of every organ system by using minimally invasive techniques coupled with radiological imaging. The IR interest group aims to provide students with shadowing opportunities, lectures that complement the preclinical curriculum, and a chance to participate in the annual VIR symposium, held in the fall semester.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018–19 Leaders: Chibuikem Nwizu (chibuikem_nwizu@brown.edu), Sarah Hays (sarah_hays@brown.edu), Simon McCarthy (simon_mccarthy@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Sun Ho Ahn

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**K-Popliteal Dance Group**

K-popliteal is a K-pop dance group that is open to all students of the medical school with any level of dance experience! We cover dances from popular songs from the South Korean music industry. We perform every semester at Low Yield.

**Student Life Group.** 2018–19 Leader: soumitri_barua@brown.edu

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**Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA)**

The Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) is a national organization founded to represent, support, educate, and unify US Latino medical students. The Alpert Medical School chapter strives to work toward these objectives in an inclusive environment and encourages students from all backgrounds to join. More specifically, LMSA aims to fulfill its mission through involvement in community service. They aim to improve the health of underserved communities by creating a communication network for medical students, physicians and leaders in our community serving underserved populations, supporting the efforts of other organizations committed to the improvement of healthcare access and quality of care, establishing a support network that will help foster a sense of community among members, and fostering the development of future Latino leaders in medicine.

**Medical Association Representative.** 2018–19 Leaders: Laureano Andrade Vicenty (Laureano_andrade_Vicenty@Brown.edu), Gisel Bello (Gisel_Bello@brown.edu), Julian Medina (Julian_Medina@brown.edu), Krissia Rivera (Krissia_Rivera@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Joseph Diaz

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**Lifestyle Medicine Interest Group**

Lifestyle Medicine involves the use of evidence-based lifestyle therapeutic approaches, such as a predominantly whole food, plant-based diet, regular physical activity, adequate sleep, stress management, avoidance of risky substance use, and other non-drug modalities, to prevent, treat, and, oftentimes, reverse the lifestyle-related,
chronic disease that's all too prevalent today. The Lifestyle Medicine Interest Group at AMS focuses on spreading awareness about this movement by hosting panels, workshops, and discussions that expose medical students to the wide breadth of Lifestyle Medicine practice. We consider the principles of Lifestyle Medicine and how they pertain to both our patient's and our personal lives through our active participation in Rhode Island's first Walk with A Doc program. We are passionate about advocating for the importance of Lifestyle Medicine in the future of healthcare.

**Specialty Interest Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Erica Veazey (erica_veazey@brown.edu), Sarah Frantz (sarah_frantz@brown.edu)**

*Faculty advisor: Mark Paulos*

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**Low Yield**

Fall variety show.

**Student Life Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Emily Derecktor (emily_derecktor@brown.edu), Jason Tsichlis (jason_tsichlis@brown.edu)**

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**MED^2**

MED^2 offers student-facilitated, weekly mindfulness sessions for the AMS community. These sessions are offered to medical students and doctors as a way to deepen awareness in how we tend to perceive, internalize, and cope with experiences in this profession. Modern medical education inherently involves a process of acclimatization to stress, uncertainty, error, and suffering. Through personal exploration of mindfulness practices, we can better understand our shared humanity, allowing us to navigate these stressors and see patients as whole beings. While we are a non sectarian group, a multitude of traditions informs our practice, and we strive to respect and credit the traditions from which we draw. All identities and levels of experience are welcome at any session.

**Student Life Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Sydney Tan (sydney_tan@brown.edu), Chloe Zimmerman (chloe_zimmerman@brown.edu), Cooper Schwartz (cooper_schwartz@brown.edu)**

*Faculty advisor: Ellen Flynn*

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**Medical Humanities Interest Group**

The Medical Humanities Interest Group is being created for students who are interested in interdisciplinary approaches to medicine. Although the medical school has a scholarly concentration for medical humanities, the school currently is lacking a venue for students to organize events that draw upon the creative and intellectual strengths of diverse disciplines -- including literature, art, creative writing, drama, film, music, philosophy, ethical decision making, anthropology, and history -- in pursuit of medical educational goals. The Medical Humanities Interest Group will aim to traverse a range of patient experiences as expressed through creative work, and give medical students the opportunity to apply their medical knowledge through an artistic lens. It will work with the surrounding medical and artistic communities to organize workshops, lectures, and panels that will serve as a conduit for the intersection of medicine, art, ethics, and literature. Group leaders have created a medical school blog, Alpert Murmur, to showcase the creative output of students across disciplines such as research, advocacy initiatives, narrative essays, final elective projects, artwork, and other mediums of student expression.

**Student Life Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Jeffrey Lam (jeffrey_lam@brown.edu), Grace Sun (grace_sun@brown.edu), Amelia Warshaw (amelia.warshaw@gmail.com)**

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**Medical Records A Cappella Group**

Medical Records is Alpert Medical School's co-ed a cappella group. Whether you're thirsty for some vocal harmony or just want puns and parodies, quench your thirst with Medical Records. No a cappella or choral experience is required to join, and medical students of all years and faculty are welcome.

**Student Life Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Charlotte Lee (charlotte_lee1@brown.edu), Katie Sullivan (katie_sullivan@brown.edu)**

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**Medical Students for Choice**

Medical Students for Choice (MSFC) is an organization that is responsible for providing information and education on abortion care and abortion access in the medical school. Furthermore, MSFC supports and facilitates student involvement in policy, advocacy, and community service efforts that aim to enhance and protect access to reproductive health services at both the national and local level.

**Advocacy/Service Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Hannah Kerman (hannah_kerman@brown.edu), Nina Kvaratskhelia (nina_kvaratskhelia@brown.edu)**

*Faculty advisor: Rebecca Allen*

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**Med-Peds Interest Group**

The Med-Peds Interest Group aims to expose medical students to the dual specialty track that combines Internal Medicine and Pediatrics in 4 years. This is a great option for those interested in global health, continuity of care for children with chronic diseases, hospitalist medicine, primary care and so much more.

**Specialty Interest Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Laura Harrison (laura_harrison@brown.edu), Pranati Panuganti**
Military Medicine Interest Group (MMIG)
The Military Medicine Interest Group aims to provide information to interested students about the many opportunities which exist within the military medical system and also to serve as a resource for students currently enrolled in the military medical education track as they navigate the various aspects of their training that are unique to the military.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Tony Yao (anthony_yao@brown.edu), Pat McGlone (patrick_mcglone@brown.edu), Mike Zaskey (michael_zaskey@brown.edu)

MURMUR
We organize the student blog of Alpert Medical School, run for students and by students. We work in conjunction with the Medical Humanities Society of AMS. Find us at AlpertMurmur.org, where we accept student pieces and work with a growing team of student editors and writers!

**Student Life Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Grace Sun (grace_sun@brown.edu), Amelia Warshaw (amelia_warshaw@brown.edu)

Neurology / Neurosurgery Interest Group
The objective of the group is to bring together medical students who are interested in the field of neuroscience through dinners, workshops, lectures and clinical skills training opportunities. Speakers discuss a wide variety of topics, from clinical knowledge about their subspecialties to a general discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of pursuing a career in neurosurgery/neurology. Additional benefits include the opportunity to meet professors, attendings and residents, as well as to observe their work in both clinical and surgical settings.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Jameson Snead (jameson_snead@brown.edu), David Liu (David_Liu@brown.edu), Adriel Barrios-Anderson (adriel_barrios-anderson@brown.edu)

OB/GYN Interest Group
The OBIG exists to expose students to the OB/GYN specialty through a variety of events. These include simulations of procedures, shadowing and research opportunities, deliver-a-baby week as well as resident and medical student panels to learn the ins and outs of OB/GYN.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: naaman_mehta@brown.edu, rose_montplaisir@brown.edu, stephanie_guang@brown.edu

Oncology Interest Group
The Oncology Interest Group (OIG) is an ASCO-funded initiative that is committed to expanding Brown medical students' exposure and access to oncology-related resources locally and nationally. These goals are achieved by organizing oncology provider panels for students to learn about careers in oncology, connecting students to mentors in oncology, promoting discussion of cutting-edge clinical and translational advancements, hosting a student-led research symposium, and introducing students to cancer survivors. The OIG ultimately hopes to introduce students to multiple dimensions of cancer care (clinically and surgically) and strives to make events accessible and relevant to all students regardless of their future career plans.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Ronald Akiki (akiki@brown.edu), William Hogan (william_hogan@brown.edu), Marcus Karim (marcus_karim@brown.edu)

Ophthalmology Interest Group
The Ophthalmology Interest Group works to increase awareness of and cultivate interest in ophthalmology, a medical specialty that most medical students have limited exposure to during pre-clinical years. The Ophthalmology Interest Group aims to promote learning about this exciting field through hosting lectures and coordinating shadowing of community ophthalmologists. We welcome all AMS students at our events.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Kevin Tang (kevin_tang@brown.edu), Anthony Yao (anthony_yao@brown.edu)

Orthopedic Surgery Interest Group
The Orthopedic Surgery Interest Group (OSIG) provides opportunities for medical school students to explore the field of orthopedics. OSIG hosts events including interactive, hands-on workshops, (i.e. splinting and arthroscopy simulator). OSIG also plans lectures from attendings and residents, networking events, and panels about sub-specialties and residency applications. In addition, the OSIG connects students with residents and attendings to collaborate on research projects, observe surgery, and serve as mentors. Through OSIG, students are exposed to
many topics in orthopedics and gain mentorship from residents and faculty in the field.

Specialty Interest Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Lauren Ready (lauren_ready@brown.edu), Gabe Onor (gabriel_onor@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Brett Owens

Palliative Care Student Interest Group
The Palliative Care Student Interest Group (PC-SIG) is dedicated to helping AMS students explore this unique sub-specialty which focuses on improving quality of life for patients with chronic and/or life-limiting illnesses. Palliative care principles are broadly applicable throughout the medical field, and PC-SIG strives to provide exposure to the discipline through lectures, panels, and other educational opportunities. PC-SIG also serves as a resource for students looking to network, shadow, conduct research, or receive mentorship in palliative care. Further, PC-SIG is a source of support for debriefing challenging cases, discussing death and dying, and developing palliative care skills to use in a variety of clinical encounters.

Specialty Interest Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Harry VanDusen (harry_vandusen@brown.edu), Olivia Recabo (olivia_recabo@brown.edu)

Pathology Interest Group
The goal of the pathology interest group is to expose interested students to the practice of pathology, introduce topics including sub-specialties, research, and the future of the field, provide networking opportunities with faculty, and facilitate career development.

Specialty Interest Group. 2018-19 Leaders: cooper schwartz (cooper_schwartz@brown.edu), Collin Dickerson (collin_dickerson@brown.edu), Jamie Odzer (jimie_odzer@brown.edu)
Faculty Advisor: Corey Hanley

Patient Advocacy Coordinating Council
Distributes funding to groups whose missions focus on patient advocacy and community engagement.

Advocacy/Service Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Katie Hsia (katie_hsia@brown.edu), Jackie Leong (jacqueline_leong@brown.edu)

Pediatrics Interest Group
The Pediatrics Interest Group is dedicated to expanding and providing pre-clinical opportunities for students interested in issues related to pediatrics. The Pediatrics Interest Group aims to create a platform for supporting students' own pediatric related pursuits, as well as increasing awareness of the various career paths related to pediatrics, and promoting child advocacy. The group brings together individuals of all different training levels - students, residents, and faculty - for lectures, discussions, outreach opportunities and workshops in order to increase exposure and experience in the area of pediatrics.

Specialty Interest Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Shannon Adams (shannon_adams@brown.edu), Julia Bassell (julia_bassell@brown.edu), Meggie Cook (megan_cook@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Lee Polikoff

Physicians for Human Rights
We are Brown's chapter of the international organization Physicians for Human Rights. We host speaker events and service opportunities throughout the year to educate students about a broad range of topics related to human rights both domestically and internationally and to inspire students to engage in patient activism. Events in recent years include a talk on trauma informed care and the intersection of human trafficking and the healthcare system, a speakout to protect the ACA, and a screening of a documentary about Puentes de Salud- a clinic that serves undocumented immigrants, to name a few. We are always looking for new ideas, and welcome input from students at any level!

Medical Association Representative. 2018-19 Leaders: Vivian Chan (vivian_chan@brown.edu), Jason Tschilis (jason_tschilis@brown.edu)

Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery Interest Group
We connect students that are interested in plastic surgery with resources within our medical school and outside institutions by organizing educational events open to the public. Previous events included a lecture by Dr. Daniel Kwan, MD on the evolution of microsurgery, as well as a Plastic Surgery Match panel with two of our AMS ‘17 classmates that had successfully matched into plastic surgery.

Specialty Interest Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Ronald Akiki (ronald_akiki@brown.edu), Mike Boyajian (michael_boyajian@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Reena Bhatt

Plexus
Plexus is the official literary review of the Alpert Medical School of Brown University. We exist to foster the creativity that is inspired by and exists within the individuals of the medical community. Everyone—be it patients, medical
students, nurses, or physicians—shares a visceral perspective of the human experience that is profound and informative, and we want to celebrate it. We publish creative writing and visual art at www.plexusmag.org.

**Student Life Group. 2018-19 Leader: Matthew Lee (matthew_d_lee@brown.edu)**

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**Providence Medical Orchestra**

Come learn about the music opportunities at Brown including "Healing for Harmony" a music volunteer organization at AMS, "Musicale" an annual music concert for the medical community, and "Providence Medical Orchestra" an orchestra within the Providence medical community that will be happening this Fall 2018.

**Student Life Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Christopher Demas (Christopher_Demas@Brown.edu), Cynthia Peng (Cynthia_Peng@Brown.edu), Daniel Yang (Daniel_Yang1@Brown.edu)**

Faculty advisor: Steven Rougas

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**Psychiatry Interest Group**

The Psychiatry Interest Group is committed to facilitating shadowing, networking and research opportunities for students interested in the field of psychiatry. We aim to host a diverse group of events ranging from movie screenings, discussions on the career paths of different clinicians, presentations on clinical cases, and workshops where group members can learn skills relevant to patient care.

**Specialty Interest Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Kathryn Sullivan (kathryn_sullivan@brown.edu), Amelia Warshaw (amelia_warshaw@brown.edu)**

Faculty advisors: Emily Rowland and Michael Mcquiggan

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**Rhode Island Medical Navigator Partnership**

In 2014, medical students from Brown partnered with case managers from House of Hope, a community development corporation, to create the Rhode Island Medical Navigator Partnership (RIMNP). Through this program, we act as healthcare navigators and medical advocates for partnered program participants, all of whom have experienced homelessness. We use an interdisciplinary team-based structure consisting of students (including in medical, social work, law, nursing, and undergraduate), case managers, and providers to advocate for the unique needs of partnered participants and to ensure their fair treatment in and out of clinics and hospitals. Navigation support includes scheduling and attending medical appointments, improving communication among providers, assisting with healthcare system literacy, facilitating SSI benefits, helping to secure housing opportunities, providing social support, and more. As an organization we also host community health fairs, support care provided by House of Hope's Shower to Empower mobile unit, support participants as they move into housing, and lead trainings for medical providers around working with individuals experiencing homelessness. Furthermore, we understand that individuals holding intersectional identities of marginalization are disproportionately affected by homelessness. Our work seeks to actively combat these structural inequities.

**Advocacy/Service Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Sarah Kler (sarah_kler@brown.edu), Sydney Tan (sydney_tan@brown.edu), Jeff Lam (jeffrey_lam@brown.edu), Saisanjana Kalagara (saisanjana_kalagara@brown.edu), Kira Cortese (kcortese_7049@email.ric.edu), Pamela Yan (pamela_yan@brown.edu), Scott Gummerson (scott_gummerson@brown.edu), Sarena Hayer (sarena_hayer@brown.edu)**

Faculty Advisor: Craig Kaufmann

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**Sex Ed by Brown Med**

Rhode Island does not currently require sexual education as a part of the curriculum, leaving many middle schoolers uninformed about crucial sexual health topics. Sex Ed by Brown Med is a group of medical students dedicated to supplying comprehensive sexual education to 7th graders at Calcutt Middle School in Central Falls, RI. Throughout the year, we teach 45-minute lessons on a wide variety of subjects, including puberty, contraception, sexually transmitted infections, gender identity, sexual orientation, consent, and sexual violence. Through these lessons, we empower students with knowledge about their changing bodies and the potential outcomes of their decisions. AMS students who join Sex Ed by Brown Med will gain teaching experience, get more involved in the community, and become more comfortable talking about sexual health with their patients!

**Advocacy/Service Group. 2018-19 Leaders: Natasha Furtado Dalomba (natasha_furtado_dalomba@brown.edu), Charlotte Lee (charlotte_lee1@brown.edu), Toby Nicholson (tobias_nicholson@brown.edu), Connie Panton (constance_panton@brown.edu), Carin Papendorp (carin_papendorp@brown.edu)**

Faculty advisor: Susanna Magee

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**Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Advocacy Interest Group**

The Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Advocacy interest group will allow a space for individuals interested in learning more about the sexual violence epidemic to hear about the services in Rhode Island and collaborate to get more involved in the community through local organizations. Additionally, this group will provide regular opportunities for individuals to meet and discuss their experiences on medical accompaniments, general encounters with SA/DV
in the healthcare system, and questions about their future work as providers

**Advocacy/Service Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Rose Montplaisir (rose_montplaisir@brown.edu), Hannah Kerman (hannah_kerman@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Erica Hardy

**Society for Medical Anthropology**
Medical anthropology examines the socio-cultural dimensions of health, the impact of larger institutions on health, the lived experiences of illness and how structural forces impact the health of individuals. Central to the goals of the Society for Medical Anthropology (MAS) is to provide medical students with the opportunity to view medicine, health and illness from this lens. We aim to help create physicians who are not only reflective but also reflexive meaning that students will also be able to recognize how their own viewpoint is situated with a socio-cultural context. This will be achieved by offering student led workshops, journal clubs and lectures.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Sophie LaBarre (sophie_labarre@brown.edu), Adriel Barrios-Anderson (adriel_barrios-anderson@brown.edu), Sarena Hayer (sarena_hayer@brown.edu)

**Spectrum**
Spectrum provides LGBTQ+ advocacy within the The Warren Alpert Medical School community. By facilitating connections with physician mentors and providing educational opportunities for medical students and other trainees, the organization fosters improvements in medical care for LGBTQ+ patient populations. Further, Spectrum works closely with the AMS administration to develop more inclusive and comprehensive curriculum. The organization also serves to support and celebrate LGBTQ+-identified individuals within the medical school and greater RI healthcare community. Spectrum also helps organize medical and graduate student social events to help foster the greater Brown LGBTQ+ community.

**Student Life Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Rebecca Raymond Kolker (rebecca_raymond-kolker@brown.edu), Fiona Chen (fiona_chen1@brown.edu), Adrian Chiem (adrian_chiem@brown.edu), Harry VanDusen (harry_vandusen@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Rory Merritt

**Student National Medical Association**
The Student National Medical Association (SNMA) is the nation's oldest and largest student organization focused on the needs and concerns of medical students of color. SNMA programs are designed to serve the health needs of underserved communities and communities of color. In addition, SNMA is dedicated both to ensuring that medical education and services are culturally sensitive to the needs of diverse populations as well as to increasing the number of African-American, Latino, and other students of color entering and completing medical school. The Brown Chapter of SNMA works toward this goal through programs and initiatives such as community health fairs, diabetes screenings, bone marrow drives, Meet the Cadaver, an interactive tour of the anatomy lab for neighborhood high school students as well as through collaborations with medical residents/faculty of color and by supporting pipeline initiatives.

**Medical Association Representative.** 2018-19 Leaders: Gabriel Onor (gabriel_onor@brown.edu); Chibuikem Nwizu (chibuikem_nwizu@brown.edu), Godwin Boaful (godwin_boaful@brown.edu)

**Teddy Bear Clinic**
Teddy Bear Clinic runs wellness education events that aim to teach underserved children in Providence and the surrounding areas about a variety of healthy habits, including normalizing visits to the doctor's office and the ER. Each participating child receives a teddy bear and has a chance to "doctor" the teddy bear to become more comfortable with the more frightening aspects of healthcare and gain confidence in making healthy choices. Topics covered in Teddy Bear Clinics include going to the doctor, going to the dentist, nutrition, exercise, injury prevention, and vaccinations.

**Advocacy/Service Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Adrian Chiem (adrian_chiem@brown.edu), Alex Gould (alexander_gould@brown.edu), Katie Sullivan (katie_sullivan@brown.edu)

**Ultrasound Interest Group (USIG)**
Want to improve your ultrasound skills? This bedside tool holds a critical place in medicine today allowing immediate, noninvasive diagnosis and assessment that is relevant for all medical specialties (yes, even ophthalmology). The USIG will provide extracurricular opportunities for medical students to attain ultrasound skills to better serve patients as future physicians. Medical students, residents, and faculty will collaborate throughout the year on both didactic and hands-on learning. Events will include topics such as focused assessment with sonography in trauma (F.A.S.T. exam), difficult IV access, acute abdominal findings, cardiac ultrasound, and musculoskeletal exam with ultrasound. No experience is necessary or expected. All are welcome!

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Christiana Prucnal (christiana_prucnal@brown.edu), Maia Dinsmore
# Urology Interest Group

The Urology Interest Group was created to expand preclinical opportunities for students interested in surgical and medical diseases of the male and female genitourinary system. Our goal is to expose students to the varied research and clinical cases which make urology exciting! Students involved in the UIG will have the chance to explore both the field of General Urology, as well as the subspecialties of Pediatric Urology, Endourology, Urologic Oncology, Female Pelvic Floor Dysfunction, Male Reproductive Health and Reconstructive Urology.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2018-19 Leader: Christopher Halline [christopher_halline@brown.edu]

*Faculty advisor: Rashmi Licht*

# Women's Orthopedic Leadership Forum

WOLF seeks to foster inspiration and mentorship in both AMS medical and high-school age students who identify as female interested in pursuing a career in orthopedics. Informal forums featuring current orthopedic female residents offer perspectives from the field, while current AMS students have the opportunity to teach a series of short workshops at local schools to high-school girls who have expressed interest.

**Advocacy/Service Group.** 2018-19 Leader: Jackie Leong [jacqueline_leong@brown.edu]

*Faculty advisor: Patricia Solga*

# Young Doctors Club

Young Doctors Club is led by Brown medical students at Times2 Academy, an urban STEM charter school in Providence. It is a longitudinal 6-week afterschool program. Medical students will teach elementary students about basic physiology and healthy habits through children’s literature and hands-on activities. Sessions are held once a week and last an hour.

**Advocacy/Service Group.** 2018-19 Leaders: Ryan Fallon [ryan_fallon@brown.edu], Emily Derecktor [emily_derecktor@brown.edu]

*Faculty advisor: Kristin Anderson*