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**Addiction Interest Medicine Group**

The Addiction Medicine Interest Group offers a space to explore the medical discipline of treating those suffering from substance use disorders. The group hosts events that offer students a chance to understand and experience various aspects of the addiction medicine profession. Events include trainings, chats with fellows, and opportunities to engage with our wonderful mentor, Dr. Laura Levine, psychiatrist and medical director of the Lifespan Recovery Center and Director of the David C. Lewis Fellowship in addiction medicine at Rhode Island Hospital.

**Specialty Interest Group. 2021-22 Leaders: Cara Murphy (cara_e_murphy@brown.edu)**

*Faculty Advisors: Dr. Laura Levine, Director, David C. Lewis Fellowship in addiction medicine at Rhode Island Hospital (Laura_Levine@brown.edu)*

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**Aging Interest Group**

The Aging Interest Group 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 group 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. 2020-21 Leaders: Kate Sine (kathryn_sine@brown.edu), Stephanie Chan (stephanie_chan@brown.edu), Jacob Heath (jacob_heath@brown.edu)**

*Faculty advisors: Lynn McNicoll*

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**AI in Medicine Interest Group**

Our group will be focused on the development and implementation of artificial intelligence and machine learning in medicine. This will include several applications, including to specific specialties, medicine as a whole (such as EHR), entrepreneurship, and ethics. Our goal is to provide a lower time commitment opportunity than the biomedical informatics SC to provide education to a much larger percentage of AMS students on this increasingly important aspect of medicine. We will host seminars, develop a database of AI/ML research projects for interested students, and facilitate relationships with leaders in the field.

**Specialty Interest Group. 2021-22 Leaders: Braden Vogt (braden_vogt@brown.edu), Jack Sollee (John_Sollee@brown.edu), Danny Kim (daniel_kim3@brown.edu), Allison Navarrete-Welton (allison_navarrete-welton@brown.edu), Abdullah Ahmed (abdullah_ahmed@brown.edu)**

*Faculty advisors: Elizabeth Chen (liz_chen@brown.edu), and Neil Sarkar (neil_sarkar@brown.edu)*

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**American Medical Association (AMA)**

This group promotes the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health. As a medical school chapter, we are specifically focused on improving medical education and advocating for the future of medicine. We will be involved with and disseminate information from the AMA about medical student education events, patient advocacy events (e.g., Medical Student Advocacy and Region Conference and Medical Student National Advocacy Week), and medical student leadership.

**Medical Association Representative. 2020-21 Leaders: Megan Tran - megan_tran1@brown.edu**

*Faculty Advisor: TBD*

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**American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)**

Our AMS chapter of the American Medical Women's Association is committed to advancing women in medicine, advocating for equity, and sustaining a supportive community for all women-identified and nonbinary individuals.
AMPlify, a Podcast Collective

AMPlify ("Alpert Medical Podcasts") is a podcast collective at AMS. We are a network of podcasters seeking to promote the work of faculty and students in our community, serve as guests on each other's podcasts, and be informative resources for new podcasters.

Student Life Group. 2020-21 Leaders: amador_delamerced@brown.edu
Faculty Advisors: Julie Roth and Gita Pensa

AMS Arts Council

The AMS Arts Council is a student-led group that organizes art exhibitions, discussions, and events in and around the Alpert Medical School. We use the arts as a lens through which we can investigate human complexity and enrich our ideas of what it means to care for one another. Read about our past and current shows at amsartsCouncil.com

Student Life Group. 2021-22 Leaders: Tia Forsman (tia_forsman@brown.edu)

AMS Cancer Research Interest Group

The AMS Cancer Research Interest Group is an academic research group that exists as a space for students to discuss the latest findings in cancer research. We host a biweekly journal club where we share a mix of findings from our own research as well as those from internationally recognized groups. We focus on all areas of cancer research—cancer biology, genomics, immunology, public health, technology etc.—and we will host additional subgroups if there are a substantial amount of people interested in a specific field. We welcome students currently conducting research, those who conducted research prior to AMS, or anyone interested in staying up to date with advances in cancer research!

Specialty Interest Group. 2021-22 Leaders: Sam Nussenzweig (samuel_nussenzweig@brown.edu), Emma Wilcox (emma_wilcox@brown.edu), Margaret Wang (margaret_wang1@brown.edu)
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Wafik El-Deiry (wafik_el-deiry@brown.edu)

AMS Environmental Coalition (ECo)

AMS ECo seeks to promote awareness toward environmental sustainability in healthcare. Our primary focus is to suggest and implement sustainable practices among the AMS community to ensure the school helps protect our natural environments and promotes a cleaner future. We also aim to educate our peers on living more environmentally friendly, both in our private lives and in our future medical practices. As the healthcare industry currently accounts for 10% of the nation's greenhouse gas and 9% of the nation's harmful air pollutant emissions, sustainable education and promotion among members of the healthcare community is an incredibly important task. Other activities include, but are not limited to, community service and engagement, such as a waste audit at Kent Hospital's ED or Earth Week activities, and advocacy for policies that address the intersection of health and environment among various levels of government.

Advocacy/Service Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Jane Chen (jane_chen1@brown.edu) and Cameron Johnson (cameron_wu_johnson@brown.edu).
Faculty advisor: Dr. Kyle Martin (kyle_martin@brown.edu)

AMS Food Drive

AMS Food Drive aims to help feed our Rhode Island neighbors in need. Did you know that 1 in 4 Rhode Island households lacks adequate food? Coordinating with the Rhode Island Community Food Bank and Providence/Pawtucket YMCA family branches, our mission is to serve and address hunger in our RI community together at AMS. We can truly make a difference. Donations will be accepted all throughout the year and delivered directly to food banks on a bimonthly basis.

Advocacy/Service Group. 2021-22 Leaders: Leonardo Lizbinski (leonardo_lizbinski@brown.edu)
### AMS Fun Book Club

The AMS Fun Book Club is a fun and friendly space for students to come together and discuss non-medical books. We hold several sessions each semester and provide subsidized copies of books. Members vote on book choice; past selections include "Born a Crime", "My Brilliant Friend", and "Normal People". All are welcome!

**Student Life Group, 2020-21 Leaders:** Kelsey Hopkins (kelsey_hopkins@brown.edu), Sophia Song (sophia_l_song@brown.edu), Raphaela Posner (raphaela_posner@brown.edu)

### AMS Gaming

Spurred out of a socially isolating climate, AMS Gaming aims to reignite community within the medical school by allowing students to come together through a common love of video games. The online infrastructure of modern video games allows students to decompress in their idle time, practice their skills, and responsibly mingle with medical students of all class years. In time, we hope to expand outreach of medical students to go from competitive video gaming to a more casual tone so that students who are not inclined towards video games can feel included in our events. Overall, we hope to help uphold student unity and camaraderie, especially establishing it for our incoming first year students, during a time where isolation is easy to fall into and stress is at its highest.

**Student Life Group, 2020-21 Leaders:** Robert Williams (rwj@brown.edu), Laureano Vicenty (laureano_andrade_vicenty@brown.edu), Andrew Del Re (andrew_del_re@brown.edu)

### AMS Helps Vulnerable Elders

AMS Helps Vulnerable Elders aims to combat social isolation for elderly members in response to COVID-19. We lead volunteer opportunities to call and check-in with elderly members within the local Rhode Island community, such as YMCA. Our mission is to foster new friendships between Brown Med Students and our elderly population. Every check-in, we ensure that they have good social support as well as adequate food, drink, and PPE to stay safe and healthy.

**Advocacy/Service Group, 2021-22 Leaders:** Leonardo Lizbinski (leonardo_lizbinski@brown.edu), Kate Sine (kathryn_sine@brown.edu), Jack Sollee (john_sollee@brown.edu)

**Faculty Advisor:** Richard Besdine MD (richard_besdine@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 empowering undocumented, refugee, asylee, and other immigrant communities through advocacy. It is our goal to amplify and collaborate with community-led efforts to address systematic issues affecting immigrant populations' self-determined health and wellbeing.

**Advocacy/Service Group, 2020-21 Leaders:** Madeline Chin (madeline_chin@brown.edu), David Wiegn (david_wiegn@brown.edu), Neha Reddy (nea_g_reddy@brown.edu), Sarah Kaelin (sarah_kaelin@brown.edu), Sylvianne Shurman (sylvianne_shurman@brown.edu)

**Faculty advisor:** Joseph Diaz

### AMS Mountain Bike Club

The Mountain Bike Club is a group for all mountain bike enthusiasts and would-be enthusiasts at AMS. Through organized group rides, sharing of mountain bike resources, and social events, we aim to create a community of AMS students who enjoy the sport of mountain biking. No previous mountain biking experience or knowledge is necessary! Through the club, we can help connect you with the gear and support you need to get started. Join us to connect with classmates and explore some of the fantastic trails in this remarkable little state!

**Student Life Group, 2021-2022 Leaders:** Carey Favaloro (cfavaloro@brown.edu), Allie Helliwell (alexandra_helliwell@brown.edu)
AMS Peer Interest Group

The AMS Peer Mentoring Specialty Program (AMS PEER) is a new student group formed in collaboration with the Office of Career Development with a mission to:

[1] Provide centralized and accessible peer-to-peer student mentorship sooner rather than later so students feel most informed at each stage in medical training.

[2] Identify and connect preclinical students to active research opportunities within specialty departments.

[3] Create a safe space for students to ask each and every valuable questions about what waits ahead

[4] Provide peer to peer mentorship that is supported and managed by the Office of Career Development to ensure robust and informed advising.

Specialty Interest Group. 2021-22 Leaders: Lindsey Pileika (lindsey_pileika@brown.edu), Mattie Boehler-Tatman (mattie_boehler-tatman@brown.edu), and Maria Anderson (marie_anderson@brown.edu)

Faculty Advisor: Alex Morang (alexandra_morang@brown.edu)

AMS Poetry Collective

As a collective of medical student poets and writers, our purpose is to foster an environment in which our poetic creativity can be nurtured and where our love of writing and the literary arts can be discussed, strengthened and maintained amidst the challenges of medical school. Our aim is to motivate students to write and reflect on poetry at least once each block as a cathartic and rewarding outlet for the ups and downs of our medical school journey. We will encourage and inspire each other’s thoughts and reflections into verse and share the products of our efforts through multiple mediums.

Student Life Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Brian Zhao (yinge_zhao@brown.edu), Erica Lin (erica_lin1@brown.edu)

AMS Ski and Snowboard Group

The AMS Ski and Snowboard Club is a fun and friendly community of students who enjoy skiing, snowboarding, and winter mountain sports. The club aims to bring students together to plan trips, share rides, and spend time on the slopes. Another goal of the club is to make the mountains more accessible by facilitating student discounts and carpooling for students without transportation. All are welcome, regardless of experience!

Student Life Group. 2021-2022 Leaders: Rebecca Wales (Rebecca_Wales@brown.edu), Jack Sollee (John_Sollee@brown.edu), Jessica Moore (Jessica_Moore2@brown.edu)

AMS Surf Club

The AMS Surf Club is a group for all surf enthusiasts, aspiring shredders, and beach lovers alike. Through organized surf sessions, sharing of wetsuits and boards, beach picnics and social events, and community service opportunities supporting local surf therapy organizations, the Surf Club aims to create a community of students who believe life is better when you get to play in the ocean. Through the club, we can connect you with gear and support to get you having fun in the water. Join us to explore the beautiful beaches and world-class surf that Rhode Island has to offer. See you out there!

Student Life Group. 2021-2022 Leaders: Ian Wittels (ian_wittels@brown.edu), Jake Adkins (jacob_adkins@brown.edu), Frankie Pappalardo (francesco_pappalardo@brown.edu)

AMS Triathlon Club

We are a group of medical students who want to share our love of triathlon with others in a fun and non-competitive way. We plan to hold group swim, run, and cycling practices with the goal to race in throughout the summer. Everyone is welcome to join regardless of level or experience!

Student Life Group. 2021-22 Leaders: Sam Nussenzweig (samuel_nussenzweig@brown.edu), Margaret Wang (margaret_wang1@brown.edu)

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. 2020-21 Leaders:** Tanisha Verneus (Tanisha_verneus@brown.edu), Daniel Cho (daniel_cho1@brown.edu), Shreya Ramayya (shreya_ramayya@brown.edu), Christian Shigley (Christian_shigley@brown.edu)

Faculty advisor: Maruice Joyce

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

The Asian Pacific American Medical Students Association (APAMSA) is a national organization of medical and pre-medical students committed to addressing the unique health challenges of Asian and Pacific Islander American (APIA) communities. APAMSA serves as a forum for student leaders to engage these health issues and develop initiatives and projects addressing those needs, as well as to meet, exchange experiences, and develop personally and professionally through leadership and service.

**Medical Association Representative. 2020-21 Leaders:** Caitlin Takeda (caitlin_takeda@brown.edu), Elaine He (elaine_he@brown.edu), Aaron Wang (aaron_wang@brown.edu)

Faculty advisors: Julianne Ip (julianne_ip@brown.edu), C. James Sung (jsung@wihri.org)

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**Association of Women Surgeons (AWS)**

The AMS chapter of the Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) is committed to supporting women surgeons at various stages in their careers. AWS is a not-for-profit educational and professional organization whose mission is to inspire, encourage, and enable women surgeons to realize their professional and personal goals.

**Medical Association Representative. 2020-21 Leaders:** Patricia Rodarte (patricia_rodrarte@brown.edu)

Idowu Olugbade (Idowu_olugbade@brown.edu)

Navya Baranwal (Navya_baranwal@brown.edu)

Faculty advisor: Beth Ryder

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**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. This year we will most likely be teaching virtually!

**Advocacy/Service Group. 2020-21 Leaders:** Michael Taglienti (michael_taglienti@brown.edu) Tess Gabert (tess_gabert@brown.edu)

Faculty advisor: Stephen Mernoff

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**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. BrANCH volunteers assist in the planting, maintenance, and education around these expanded green spaces at Elizabeth Baldwin Elementary in Pawtucket, RI. BrANCH collaborates with Baldwin and Brown Family Med residents and staff to ensure 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 encourages 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. 2020-21 Leaders:** Swechya Banskota (swechya_banskota@brown.edu), David Wiegn (david_wiegn@brown.edu)

Faculty Advisor: Carol Greene

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**Brown AMS Health Insurance Navigators**
Health Insurance Navigators is a student group composed of students from AMS and the School of Public Health offering RI community members assistance in the health insurance enrollment process. Students will be trained as Certified Application Counselors through the Rhode Island Health Center Association. They will then schedule free appointments with community members and assist them with health insurance application questions. This group has three main goals:

1) To assist community members who are uninsured or underinsured in navigating the health insurance enrollment process.
2) To educate pre-health professional students (medical students and students from the school of Public Health) about the health insurance enrollment process in RI.
3) To bridge the AMS and School of Public Health student bodies.

Advocacy/Service Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Arianna Price (michelle_price@brown.edu), Raina Zhang (raina_zhang@brown.edu), Mark Hocevar (mark_hocevar@brown.edu), Leonardo Lizbinski (rico_lizbinski@brown.edu), Leigh Kinney (leigh_kinney@brown.edu), Kevin Chen (kevin_chen6@brown.edu), Kelvin Chang (kelvin_chang@brown.edu)
Faculty Advisors: Julia Noguchi, Anya Wallack, Dr. Patricia Risica

Brown Bioc incubator

A salient issue in the healthcare space is that doctors have a wealth of knowledge about their specialty, but often lack the engineering/design/entrepreneurial background to devise and scale solutions to the clinical challenges they encounter.

Student Life Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Dominique Dockery (dominique_dockery@brown.edu), Alice Lin (alice_lin@brown.edu), Kevin Chen (chen_kevin@brown.edu), Preston Nicely (preston_nicely@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Rory Merritt (rory_merritt@brown.edu)

Brown General Surgery Society

BGSS is a group of students at AMS interested in learning more about careers related to surgery and general surgery. The group hosts hands-on workshops, networking events with surgical faculty, and panels about subspecialties and opportunities in the surgical field.

Specialty Interest Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Anastasia Tillman (anastasia_tillman@brown.edu), Thi My Linh (Linh) Tran (thi_my_linh_tran@brown.edu)
Faculty Advisor: Rachel Beard

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 Christians in our vocations. We welcome people from any and all faith backgrounds!

Student Life Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Andrew Barton (andrew_barton@brown.edu), Karl Baumgartner (karl_baumgartner@brown.edu), Preston Nicely (preston_nicely@brown.edu), Marcela Osorio (marcela_osorio@brown.edu), Elliott Rebello (elliott_rebello@brown.edu), Patricia Rodarte (patricia_rodarte@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Lauren Watka (lauren.watka@intervarsity.org)

Brown Human Rights Asylum Clinic (BHRAC)

The Brown Human Rights Asylum Clinic (BHRAC) is a medical student-led organization affiliated with Physicians for Human Rights that collaborates with medical and mental health clinicians, lawyers, and community organizations to provide pro bono medical affidavits to undocumented individuals seeking legal status in the United States. We also participate in research, advocacy, and training to support the immigrant/refugee community.

Advocacy/Service Group. 2020-21 Leaders: alizeh_shamshad@brown.edu, liana_lum@brown.edu
Faculty advisor: Elizabeth Toll
Brown Medical Annual Fund Student Ambassadors

We will create a diverse, engaged and enthusiastic group of students to serve as ambassadors to our alumni, donor and parent groups. Tasks vary and can be focused on fundraising, donor stewardship, and events; cumulatively a 20-hour commitment over the course of the year, working closely with the Biomedical Advancement Office.

Advocacy/Service Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Edward Chen (edward_chen@brown.edu), Johanna Suskin (johanna_suskin@brown.edu), Daniel Strauss (daniel_strauss@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Kayla Correll

Brown Med Bhangra

South Asian dance group. We perform a South Asian fusion piece twice a year for Low Yield

Student Life Group. 2021-22 Leaders:

Brown Medical Venture Group

Brown Medical Venture Group is an organization of future-physicians that seeks to educate students about health innovation. We unite our clinical perspective and financial background to assess investment opportunities in biomedical ventures.

Student Life Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Abdullah Ahmed (abdullah_ahmed@brown.edu), Rachna Goli (rachna_goli@brown.edu)

Brown Students at the Bedside

Brown Students at the Bedside is a student group created by the Gold Humanism Honors Society and the Internal Medicine staff affiliated with the Warren Alpert Medical School. It is a volunteer-run referral service that medical teams can request for patients they identify as being in need of additional social support. Medical student volunteers respond to referrals by spending time with the patients in the form of conversation and company.

Advocacy/Service Group. 2021-22 Leaders: Ella van Deventer (ella_van_deventer@brown.edu), Daniel Kraft (daniel_kraft@brown.edu)
Faculty Advisor: Fred Shiffman, MD (fshiffman@lifespan.com)

Business in Medicine

The goal of the business in medicine interest group is to explore the complexities of healthcare markets (i.e. payers, pharma, biotech) and also facilitate entrepreneurial passions within healthcare. This helps future physicians gain a strong understanding of the unique ways to navigate the healthcare system for their patients and recognize the first steps in addressing inefficiencies within the business side of medicine.

Student Life Group. 2020-21 Leaders: peter_brodeur@brown.edu

Cardiac Surgery Interest Group

The Cardiac Surgery Interest Group introduces medical students to the field of heart surgery by providing resources for research and shadowing, covering specific topics in a lecture series, and discussing the trajectory toward a career in cardiac surgery.

Student Life Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Ronald Phillips (ronald_phillips@brown.edu), Ghazal Aghagoli (ghazal_aghagoli@brown.edu), Andrew Del Re (andrew_del_re@brown.edu), Benjamin Andres Gallo Marin (ben_gallo@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Frank Sellke (fsellke@lifespan.org)

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. 2020-21 Leaders: Madeline Chin (madeline_chin@brown.edu), Ryan Hoopes (ryan_hoopes@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Elizabeth Lowenhaupt

Citizen Physicians

Citizen Physicians was founded with the mission of organizing, educating, and empowering AMS students to proactively engage in legislative advocacy to promote policy change in Rhode Island and the future communities they serve.

Advocacy/Service Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Sarah Kaelin (sarah_kaelin@brown.edu), Brooke Barrow (brooke_barrow@brown.edu), Ron Phillips (ronald_phillips@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Liz Tobin-Tyler

Climbing Interest Group

Climbing Interest Group consists of med students who love rock climbing! AMS students get special discounts on memberships at local climbing gyms at RockSpot.

Student Life Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Hyung Jin Lee (Hyung_Jin_Lee@brown.edu)

Clinica Esperanza/Hope Clinic

Clinica Esperanza offers primary medical care to RI residents without health insurance, with an emphasis on Spanish-speaking and culturally-accommodated care. One evening per week, medical students host a primary care clinic to serve these patients. Pre-clerkship students practice their clinical skills with oversight from clerkship medical students and an attending physician.

Advocacy/Service Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Sarah Nuss (sarah_nuss@brown.edu), Sam Mickel (samuel_mickel@brown.edu), Nicole Bencie (nicole_bencie@brown.edu), Katya Lavine (katya_lavine@brown.edu), Sylvianne Shurman (sylvianne_shurman@brown.edu), Neha Reddy (neha_g_reddy@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Joseph Garland

Creative Connections in Medicine

Creative Connections in Medicine aims to provide Brown University medical and PLME students with opportunities to integrate healing arts practices into medical interactions. We hope to connect the arts and medicine in many ways. We strive to build community between creative students and patients in Rhode Island through art! Through volunteer work around the Rhode Island community, visiting artist/physician talks, and community events, the club strives to promote awareness, increase involvement, and encourage discussion about the use of arts as a form of healing in medicine. We work alongside the Healing Arts program at Lifespan to have volunteers working with patients in the hospital.

Specialty Interest Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Tia Forsman (tia_forsman@brown.edu), Raphael Posner (Raphaela_posner@brown.edu)
Faculty advisors: Judy Jang

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. 2020-21 Leaders:** Casey Abrahams (casey_abrahams@brown.edu), Layla Kazemi (layla_kazemi@brown.edu), Erica Lin (erica_lin1@brown.edu), Sara Ragi (sara_ragi@brown.edu)  
*Faculty advisor: Leslie Robinson-Bostom*

**Design + Health**

Design + Health is an extracurricular innovation hub composed of graduate and undergraduate students from RISD, Brown, and the Alpert Medical School. We seek to work in interdisciplinary teams with physicians and healthcare professionals on the problems and needs they see in healthcare. Design x Health seeks to connect the RISD design and Brown medical communities to spark conversation and spur impactful innovation in the medical design field. We see a lack of channels for communication and collaboration between these two groups, and hope to create ways for students to engage with each other through real-world practice with physicians and design professionals. We believe that proactive collaborations between RISD and Brown students with a focus on follow-through can result in real-world idea realization in long-term projects. One method of achieving our goals is to connect students with mentors and each other via lectures and workshops that expose students to the intersection of design and health and best practices in that realm.

**Student Life Group. 2021-22 Leaders:** Daniel Hu (Daniel_hu1@brown.edu), Cecily Adler (cecily_adler@brown.edu)

**Diagnostic Radiology Interest Group**

The objective of the Diagnostic Radiology Interest Group is to expose medical students to the specialty of Diagnostic Radiology early in their medical education. The group works to host informative events, engage student and faculty networking and shadowing, and build a foundational understanding of what the specialty is and whether it might be a good fit.

**Specialty Interest Group. 2020-21 Leaders:** Nathaniel Rex (nathaniel_rex@brown.edu), Carlin Chuck (carlin_chuck@brown.edu), Nicole Kim (nicole_kim1@brown.edu)  
*Faculty advisor: Don Yoo*

**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. 2020-21 Leaders:** Katie Barry (katherine_barry@brown.edu), Sophia Song (sophia_l_song@brown.edu), Sarah Kaelin (sarah_kaelin@brown.edu)  
*Faculty advisor: Rachel Fowler and Josh Kaine*

**ENT Interest Group**

The ENT Interest Group provides opportunities for students to experience the full breadth of otolaryngology. We provide volunteering, networking, and research opportunities for students interested in the ear, nose, and throat.

**Specialty Interest Group. 2020-21 Leaders:** Neil Kondamuri (neil_kondamuri@brown.edu), Nicole Bencie (nicole_bencie@brown.edu)  
*Faculty advisor: Jan Groblewski*

**Environmental Coalition (ECo)**

AMS ECo seeks to promote awareness toward environmental sustainability in healthcare. Our primary focus is to suggest and implement sustainable practices among the AMS community to ensure the school helps protect our natural environments and promotes a cleaner future. We also aim to educate our peers on living more
environmentally friendly, both in our private lives and in our future medical practices. As the healthcare industry currently accounts for 10% of the nation's greenhouse gas and 9% of the nation's harmful air pollutant emissions, sustainable education and promotion among members of the healthcare community is an incredibly important task. Other activities include, but are not limited to, community service and engagement, such as a waste audit at Kent Hospital's ED or Earth Week activities, and advocacy for policies that address the intersection of health and environment among various levels of government.

Student Life Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Megan Duckworth (megan_duckworth@brown.edu), Winston McCormick (winston_mccormick@brown.edu), Swechya Bansota (swechya_bansota@brown.edu), Neha Reddy (neha_g_reddy@brown.edu)  
Faculty advisor: Dr. Kyle Martin (kyle_martin@brown.edu)

F-1 Doctors

F-1 Doctors is the first and only peer-to-peer mentorship platform in which international medical students provide encouragement to international pre-medical students. In addition, international residents and attending physicians provide mentorship to international medical students. The aim of the group is to foster a community amongst international medical students and physicians across the United States while diversifying medicine. Social and mentoring events with international physicians at Brown and with other institutions will take place.

Medical Associate Representative. 2020-21 Leaders: Ghazal Aghagoli (ghazal_aghagoli@brown.edu) Ben Gallo (ben_gallo@brown.edu)  
Faculty advisor: Thais Mather

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. 2021-22 Leaders: Pranavan Chanthrakumar (pranavan_chanthrakumar@brown.edu), Geronimo Garcia (geronimo_garcia@brown.edu), Samuel Diaz (samuel_diaz@brown.edu), Christopher Bayston (christopher_bayston@brown.edu), Alicia Rocha (alicia_rocha@brown.edu)  
Faculty advisor: Andrea Arena

First-Gen at AMS

First-Gen at AMS is a community of first-generation college and/or medical students at Alpert Medical School. This group seeks to unify, support, and provide resources to first-gen students. As a new group this 2020-2021 academic year, we aim to establish a mentoring program, provide opportunities for community outreach and advocacy, and host networking events.

Student Life Groups. 2020-2021 Leaders: Stana Nickolich (stana_nickolich@brown.edu), Tanisha Verneus (tanisha_verneus@brown.edu), Wendy Gonzalez (wendy_gonzalez1@brown.edu)  
Faculty Advisor: Roxanne Vrees at Roxanne_vrees@brown.edu

Genetics Interest Group

The Genetics Interest Group is committed to providing Brown University medical students who are interested in genetics with great opportunities in research, volunteering, networking, clinical work, and shadowing. Our mission is to create future physician leaders who will advance and innovate the field of genetics for better care of their patients. We hope to provide early exposure and foster a community of medical students to grow their skills and values in genetics.

Specialty Interest Group: 2020-21 Leaders: Leonardo Lizbinski (leonardo_lizbinski@brown.edu)  
Faculty Advisor: (William Brucker MD PhD) william_brucker@brown.edu

Global Health Society

The Global Health Society is the organization for all medical students interested in Global Health. We organize
events like lunch talks, movie 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 them with a mentor working in that space.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2020-21 Leaders: Sarah Nuss (sarah_nuss@brown.edu), Raina Zhang (raina_zhang@brown.edu), Erica Lin (erica_lin@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Susan Cu-Uvin

### Global Surgery Student Alliance

GSSA is the national student-run global surgery working group for the U.S., affiliated with InciSioN (the International Student Surgical Network). We believe that students are a valuable resource for the advancement of global surgery. We also believe that being unified in our efforts will help further our initiatives and can also facilitate more collaboration amongst overall global surgery efforts, both now and in the future. By exposing students to the field early on, we also hope to help them build their surgical careers with global surgery in mind. Ultimately, many students are willing and able to make significant contributions to global surgery, and we hope to be a resource that facilitates those efforts.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2020-21 Leaders: Dominique Dockery (dominique_dockery@brown.edu), Sarah Nuss (sarah_nuss@brown.edu), Luke Soliman (luke_soliman@brown.edu), Praveen Rajaguru (praveen_rajaguru@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Andrew Stephen

### Harm Reduction Center Interest Group

Rhode Island approved a two-year pilot program for harm reduction centers in 2021. These centers are safe consumption sites for people who use drugs, in which there are staff and volunteers to administer naloxone in the case of an overdose. Brown medical students work with community partners to implement and staff the centers. The group also leads fundraising efforts and engages key stakeholders and community members affected by the opioid crisis.

**Advocacy/Service Group.** 2021-22 Leaders: Michael Stephens (michael_stephens@brown.edu), Madeline Chin (madeline_chin@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Elizabeth Samuels, MD (elizabeth_samuels@brown.edu)

### HEAL Orphanage and Health Camp Outreach Club

HEAL Orphanage and Health Camp Outreach Club’s vision is to send a group of AMS students and other members of the Brown community to HEAL Paradise (an orphanage) in India for roughly 1-3 weeks annually. Please note that I have done this almost every year since 2013: the infrastructure, logistics, plans, and ideas are already set and established. Also, there are plans in motion to establish a Brown Undergrad Chapter, as well.

Throughout the academic year, members of the club will participate in planning for the upcoming trip, as well as in various fundraising activities. With our fundraising, we would be able to supply the following: resources (educational/personal), education (both conducting health-relevant information sessions AND participating in the school’s curriculum), and exposure (they LOVE hearing about the US/other countries). I can confidently say that some of these experiences have done more for me than I could ever imagine doing for the kids. There is NOTHING more eye-opening AND rewarding than seeing how your small gestures can make such a large impact on the kids. Not only that, teaching them has taught me effective communicating skills, patience, compassion, and, most of all, perspective. I believe that ALL future physicians should be proficient in those aforementioned qualities. The main focus for every trip will be the Mega Health Camp: during the weeks, we would spend most of our time planning & executing the logistics of the Health Camp, and with any free time, we plan on participating in the school’s curriculum as teachers (teaching Bio, Chem, English, Math, etc.)

**Advocacy/Service Group.** 2020-21 Leaders: Krishna Bellam (krishna_bellam@brown.edu), Braden Vogt (braden_vogt@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Dr. William Brucker (william_brucker@brown.edu)

### Health Career Opportunities Reimagined (HealthCORE)
Passionate about education, working with teens, and diversifying medicine? HealthCORE aims to inform and inspire the next generation of healthcare workers from communities all over Rhode Island. We organize a free 10-day course to introduce students to medicine and the health professions. We train our students to realize that health goes far beyond the hospital and hope to empower them to connect their interests to action.

**Advocacy/Service Group. 2020-21 Leaders:** Olivia Cummings (olivia_cummings@brown.edu), Jordan Fox (jordan_fox@brown.edu), Ogechi Ezemma (ogechi_ezemma@brown.edu), David Miller (david_t_miller@brown.edu)
Faculty advisors: Joseph Diaz, MD (joseph_diaz@brown.edu)

**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. 2020-21 Leaders:** Jane Chen (jane_chen1@brown.edu), James Heinl (james_heinl@brown.edu), Kanika Malani (kanika_malani@brown.edu), Aneeqah Naem (aneeqah_naeem@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Audrey Kupchan

**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. 2020-21 Leaders:** Giancarlo Medina (giancarlo_medina_perez@brown.edu), Rocio Oliva (rocio_oliva@brown.edu), Natalie Correa (natalie_correa@brown.edu)
Faculty advisors: Brown ODMA

**Lifestyle Medicine Interest Group**

Lifestyle Medicine is a thriving movement with applications in every medical specialty. Lifestyle Medicine uses evidence-based lifestyle therapeutic approaches to prevent, treat, and oftentimes, reverse the chronic symptoms and diseases that are all too prevalent today. Promoting factors such as a predominantly whole-foods, plant-based diet; regular physical activity; adequate, restful sleep; healthy stress prevention and management; avoidance of risky substance use; and maintaining healthy social relationships; allows people to do something revolutionary: take their health and healing into their own hands and support their own well-being both in the short and long term. The Lifestyle Medicine Interest Group at AMS focuses on spreading awareness and education among medical students about this approach, which has the potential to revolutionize the scope and role of the medical world. We do this by hosting panels, workshops, lectures 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 patients' and our personal lives, encouraging all students - whether they want a Lifestyle Medicine certification, or simply want to broaden their understanding of health-promoting strategies - to incorporate these factors into their diagnostic and treatment considerations.

**Specialty Interest Group. 2020-21 Leaders:** Lydia Ademuwagun (lyida_ademuwagun@brown.edu), Nandini Mehta (nandini_mehta@brown.edu), Megan Duckworth (megan_duckworth@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Mark Paulos
**Med Bhangra**

Med Bhangra is a dance team that choreographs and performs the Punjabi dance style, Bhangra, builds community among AMS students, and celebrates South Asian culture!

**Student Life Group. 2021-22 Leaders: Navya Baranwal (navya_baranwal@brown.edu)**

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**Med-Peds Interest Group**

The Med/Peds Interest Group organizes events to help interested students learn more about the specialty, why someone might want to choose Med/Peds, and what the residency application process is like.

**Specialty Interest Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Sam Mickel (samuel_mickel@brown.edu), Tess Gabert (tess_gabert@brown.edu)**

*Faculty advisor: Suzanne McLaughlin*

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**Medical Records A Cappella Group**

Medical Records is an a cappella group consisting of medical students and residents. All are welcome!

**Student Life Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Ghazal Aghagoli (ghazal_aghagoli@brown.edu), Ronald Phillips (ronald_phillips@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. 2020-21 Leaders: Caitlin Takeda (caitlin_takeda@brown.edu), Nicole Comella at nicole_comella@brown.edu, Taylor Payne (taylor_a_payne@brown.edu), Sarah Niehaus (sarah_niehaus@brown.edu)**

*Faculty advisor: Ben Brown*

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**MURMUR: Medical Student Blog**

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. 2020-21 Leaders: Elijah Persad-Paisley (elijahpp@brown.edu), Annelies Mair (anneliese_mair@brown.edu), Kelvin Chang (kelvin_chang@brown.edu), Rose Mahoney (rose_mahoney@brown.edu), Stephanie Chan (stephanie_chan@brown.edu), Jessica Yamada (jessica_yamada@brown.edu)**

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**My Life, My Story (MLMS)**

My Life My Story (MLMS) is an initiative aiming to listen and record patient stories in order to explore humanity in medicine and improve patient care delivery. Integrated into both adult and pediatric palliative care departments, the OBGYN department, and the VA, students have the opportunity to listen to patient stories and collaborate in the writing process to ultimately produce a recorded story for the patient, while sharing patient values and stories with their caretakers via integration of the written work into the electronic health records system.

**Advocacy/Service Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Bella Ehrlich (Bella_ehrlich@brown.edu), Emma Waddell (emma_waddell@brown.edu), Karen Lob (karen_lab@brown.edu), Serica Hallstead (serica_hallstead@brown.edu), Elizabeth Klein (elizabeth_klein@brown.edu)**

*Faculty Advisor: Tamara Feingold-Link (tamara_feingold-link@brown.edu)*

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**Neurology / Neurosurgery Interest Group**

We are an interest group focused on promoting education around and opportunities in both Neurology and Neurosurgery. 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.** 2020-21 Leaders: Oliver Tang (oliver_tang@brown.edu), Katherine Hobbs (katherine_hobbs@brown.edu), Marina Palumbo (marina_palumbo@brown.edu)
Faculty advisors: Julie Roth

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**Neuropsychology and Cognitive Neurology Interest Group**

The Neuropsychology and Cognitive Neurology Interest Group seeks to help students connect with and learn about the intersection between neurology and psychology. The group teaches students about neuropsychological testing and how that interfaces with neurological diseases, particularly those that affect cognition. Members will have the opportunity to meet with practitioners in neuropsychology and cognitive neurology and expand their knowledge of common neuropsychological evaluations, such as the Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA).

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2020-21 Leader: Tess Cersonsky (tess_cersonsky@brown.edu)
Faculty advisors: Geoffrey Tremont

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**OB/GYN Interest Group**

The OB/GYN Interest Group 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.** 2020-21 Leaders: JYoury Pierre-Louis (youry_pierre-louis@brown.edu) Natalie Cortinas (natalie_cortinas@brown.edu), Gabrielle Jude (gabrielle_jude@brown.edu).
Faculty advisor: Beth Cronin, Elizabeth Sullivan

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**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, 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.** 2020-21 Leaders: Mariah Balmaceno-Criss (mariah_bc@brown.edu), Joseph Chen (jia-shu_chen@brown.edu), Zachary Waisman (zachary_waisman@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Fred Schiffman

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**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.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2020-21 Leaders: Rajaguru, Praveen praveen_raja@gmail.com, Elaine Tran elaine_tran@brown.edu, Loh, Christopher christopher_loh@brown.edu, Ramayya, Shreya shreya_ramayya@brown.edu
Faculty advisor: Jamie Schaefer

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**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 subspecialties 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. 2020-21 Leaders:** Jourdan Meltzer (jourdan_meltzer@brown.edu), Giancarlo Medina Perez (giancarlo_medina_perez@brown.edu)

*Faculty Advisors: Dr. Alexandre Boulos (alexandre_boulos@brown.edu), Dr. Steve Marcaccio (smarcaccio01@gmail.com), and Dr. Jimmy Levins (jimmylevins@gmail.com)*

### Pain Medicine Interest Group

Chronic pain, one of the most common reasons adults seek medical care, has been linked to restrictions in mobility and daily activities, dependence on opioids, anxiety and depression, poor perceived health, and reduced quality of life. It affects more people than diabetes, heart disease, and cancer combined. With the growing need for pain management, medical students, now more than ever, need to understand the field of pain medicine. Pain medicine can be reached through many different avenues: anesthesia, physiatry, psychiatry, neurology, EM, and even primary care. This interest group is an opportunity to gain a better understanding about the field of pain medicine and procedural interventions to address patient needs.

**Specialty Interest Group. 2020-21 Leaders:** Kanika Malani (kanika_malani@brown.edu), Becca Berube (rebecca_berube@brown.edu)

*Faculty advisor: Ira Whitten*

### Palliative Care Student Interest Group

The Palliative Care Student Interest Group (PC-SIG) provides students with an opportunity to engage with peers and mentors while exploring the communication skills, nuanced medicine and humanism that are intrinsic to palliative care. PC-SIG hopes to introduce the values and skills of the field to all AMS students, regardless of future career aspirations. Throughout the upcoming year, PC-SIG will host several narrative and scientific journal clubs, a mini-lecture series by a local pediatric-oncology-palliative care physician and a workshop on having difficult conversations. For those interested in learning more, the organization will facilitate shadowing, research and mentor opportunities.

**Specialty Interest Group. 2020-21 Leaders:** Isabel Josephs (isabel_josephs@brown.edu), Natalie Correa (natalie_correa@brown.edu), David Wiegn (david_wiegn@brown.edu)

*Faculty advisor: Rebecca MacDonell-Yilmaz*

### 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. 2020-21 Leaders:** John Cotoia (john_cotoia@brown.edu), Rocio Oliva (rocio_oliva@brown.edu)

*Faculty Advisor: Corey Hanley*

### Pathway to Pediatrics

The goal of the Pathway to Peds program is to increase the number of underrepresented minority students in medicine, with a special emphasis on pediatric careers. Over the course of this year, we will be hosting a virtual series of underrepresented minority pediatrician-led panels where physicians will speak about their specialty choice, day-to-day jobs, and journey to medicine as well as answer audience questions.

**Advocacy/Service Group. 2020-21 Leaders:** Margarita Cruz-Sanchez (margarita_cruz-sanchez@brown.edu), Geoffrey Binney (geoffrey_binney@brown.edu), Meghan Mccarthy (meghan_mccarthy@brown.edu), Bella Ehrlich (bella_ehrlich@brown.edu)

*Faculty Advisor: Kyla Dewar*

### 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 and workshops in order to increase exposure and
experience in the area of pediatrics.

**Specialty Interest Group. 2020-21 Leaders:** Bella Ehrlich (Bella_ehrlich@brown.edu), Meghan McCarthy
(meghan_mccarthy@brown.edu), Margarita Cruz-Sanchez (margarita_cruz-sanchez@brown.edu), Geoffrey Binney
(geoffrey_binney@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Lee Polikoff

**Plastic Surgery Interest Group**

The plastic surgery interest group connects students interested in plastic surgery with resources within the medical school and
with outside institutions by organizing educational events open to the AMS student body. Past events include lectures from
attending plastic surgeons at Brown, covering a range of topics.

**Specialty Interest Group. 2021-22 Leaders:** Rachna Goli (rachna_goli@brown.edu) and Neel Vishwanath
(neel_vishwanath@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Reena Bhatt

**Plexus Literary Magazine**

Plexus is an online literary review that publishes submissions of poetry, prose, art, and photography from the Brown
medical community. We aim to foster the creativity that is inspired by and exists within all individuals dedicated to
healthcare and medicine. Everyone — medical students, nurses, physicians — shares a visceral perspective of the
human experience that is profound and informative, and we want to celebrate it. As Daniel Mason, author of The
Piano Turner, wrote, “While medicine creates material for writing, perhaps even more important is that it also
creates a psychological and emotional need to write.” Founded in 2012, Plexus gives its authors and artists a way to
explore the humanistic aspects of the medical science they practice. Our literary review serves as a unique forum for
community engagement across medical disciplines, uniting authors in their creative efforts and embracing their
varied experiences.

**Student Life Group. 2020-21 Leaders:** Grace Klaris (grace_klaris@brown.edu), Katya Lavine (katya_lavine@brown.edu)

**Project Empower**

Our group aims to introduce fundamental concepts of social-emotional skills to second and third graders in local underserved
public-school systems through a series of fun and interactive workshops. Volunteers will be assigned a classroom with which
they will complete three one-hour workshops over three weeks. Each workshop will focus on one of three pillars central to
social-emotional empowerment: self-awareness, social awareness, and self-regulation. Volunteers will also receive free training
and certification in a Youth Mental Health First Aid course.

**Advocacy/Service Group. 2021-22 Leaders:** Sean Varga (sean_varga@brown.edu), Dillon Artigliere (dillon_artigliere@brown.edu),
Ella Van Deventer (ella_van_deventer@brown.edu), Jessica Jordan (jessica_jordan@brown.edu)
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Marta Majczak (martamajczakmd@gmail.com)

**Providence Medical Orchestra**

Entering our third season, the Providence Medical Orchestra under the direction of Music Director John Masko is a
robust symphonic orchestra featuring a community of medical students, physicians, faculty both at AMS and Brown,
graduate students, pre-med undergrads, and community members from the greater Providence area. As of last
spring semester, we were 48 strong and we are still ever growing! We have played works such as the Dvorak New
World Symphony, featured student soloists, and played more modern works such as William Grant Still’s Symphony
No. 1 "Afro-American.

With the pandemic, we are cautiously organizing our activities for this upcoming year and will announce more
concrete details shortly. Nevertheless we still wish to invite you to get connected! We usually rehearse at the medical school on Tuesday nights from 7:00pm to 9:15pm, and have enjoyed 2-3 concert cycles a year at the beautiful Sayles
Student Life Group, 2020-21 Leaders: Christopher Demas (christopher_demas@brown.edu), Daniel Yang (daniel_yang1@brown.edu), Alice Huang (alice_huang3@brown.edu) Faculty advisor: Steven Rougas

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, 2020-21 Leader: Joshua Goldenberg (joshua_e_goldenberg@brown.edu)
Faculty advisors: Michael McQuiggan and Emily Rowland

Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Interest Group

For all those interested in pursuing or learning about the awesome field of pulmonary and critical care medicine! How cool is it that on any given day you could be the primary team, the consultant, or in the clinic contributing to the health of an individual.

Our goal is to introduce interested students to the fields of pulmonary medicine and critical care medicine and its various career paths. We hope to provide pre-clinical experiences through shadowing, mentorship, and case based learning. This ideally will lead to networking and research opportunities. We will also have informal gatherings of faculty, fellows, residents and medical students to discuss interesting cases, journal articles, and work-life balance.

One of the coolest parts about the field is all the procedures and interventions you can do for an individual while still being their primary provider. We hope to incorporate simulation training for routine ICU procedures such as central lines, arterial lines, and intubations within our Sim Lab.

Specialty Interest Group: 2021-22 Leader: Daniel Dustin (daniel_dustin@brown.edu)
Faculty advisor: Deb Banerjee (banerjed19@gmail.com)

Radiation Oncology Interest Group

At AMS-ROIG, we bring awareness of the radiation oncology specialty to the AMS student body, while also facilitating onboarding into the department for interested students.

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Rhode Island Medical Navigator Partnership

As providers and students across the professional disciplines of healthcare, social work, and law, our mission is to partner with individuals experiencing homelessness by supporting and advocating for their multidimensional health care and social service needs. In doing this work, we seek to build a community of advocates that actively resists the forces that give rise to structural violence and oppression – including and especially racial capitalism – which make homelessness an acceptable reality. Homelessness, its criminalization, and resultant health inequities disproportionately impact Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and other people of color; we ground our work in the acknowledgement of this fact. In the face of the increasing commodification and privatization of housing and health care, we assert that housing and health care are human rights. We believe that the lessons learned in our partnerships – to meet people on their terms, to appreciate the contexts in which they live, and to recognize the power of being present – extend to all arenas of care, and should inform our practices as future caregivers involved in justice work.

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RIFC Student Clinic
RIFC Student Clinic is a free clinic that provides patient-centered healthcare to the underserved communities of Rhode Island and its surrounding areas, which include patients who are uninsured and low income. Students who volunteer at RIFC Student Clinic conduct medical interviews and perform medical examinations under the supervision of a preceptor to help give patients access to healthcare that they otherwise would not have. The RIFC Student Clinic is a great opportunity for medical students to gain a deeper understanding of the underserved community and the social factors that contribute to a patient’s health.

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**Sex Ed by Brown Med**

Despite having the 7th highest teen pregnancy rate in the United States, Rhode Island has no formalized sexual education course for its middle school or high school students. Sex Ed by Brown Med students provide interactive and engaging lessons on sexual health topics at Calcutt Middle School in Central Falls, an area that has been flagged by the CDC as an area needing school-based HIV/STD Prevention and School Based Surveillance. Calcutt Middle School is the only public middle school in Central Falls, and so the majority of teenagers in the area will at some point, matriculate through our program.

Our curriculum will provide the lessons, training sessions, materials, and framework upon which students will not only become better educators, but also become central stakeholders in the sexual health outcomes of our surrounding community.

**Advocacy/Service Group. 2020-21 Leaders:**

*Faculty advisor: Susanna Magee*

**Social Medicine Reading**

The Social Medicine Reading Group meets monthly to discuss critical texts about different topics from various perspectives. The aim is to provide a space to challenge and interrogate the frameworks in our education to ultimately address health inequity. Through engaging and thought-provoking discussions, we grapple with current health injustices using historical texts, theoretical frameworks, and contemporary works. Inspired by Professor Lundy Braun’s preclinical elective “Social Medicine, Justice, and Evidence” usually taught in the Spring semester, we hope to continue this discussion beyond the class with peers.

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**Spectrum**

Spectrum provides LGBTQIA+ advocacy within the The Warren Alpert Medical School community, and serves as a go-to space for all queer and allied medical students, residents, and fellows. By facilitating connections with physician mentors and providing educational opportunities for medical students and other trainees, the organization fosters improvements in medical care for LGBTQIA+ patient populations. In addition, Spectrum’s members work closely with the AMS administration to develop a more inclusive and comprehensive curriculum. The organization also strives to support and celebrate LGBTQIA+-identified individuals within the medical school and greater RI healthcare community. By helping to organize medical and graduate student social events, Spectrum seeks to foster connections among the wider Brown LGBTQIA+ community.

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**Student Health Council**
The Student Health Council (SHC) is a student-led group at AMS that aims to foster positivity and well-being throughout medical training through:

One-on-one, confidential peer counseling to support PLME & medical students through issues such as mental health challenges, academic challenges, and/or mistreatment. Hosting events (with food!!) such as Real Talk (student only spaces for students to discuss the challenges of navigating mental health conditions); SPACE (Students Promoting Awareness, Compassion & Empathy, discussion groups for medical students to gather and reflect on unique medical school experiences; Vulnerability as Strength (a speaker series featuring administrators and attendings discussing how they coped with struggle throughout their careers. Advocacy for student well-being at AMS and beyond

**Student Life Group. 2020-21 Leaders: Erica Lee (erica_j_lee@brown.edu), Kelsey Brown (kelsey_brown@brown.edu)**
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The Student National Medical Association (SNMA) is the nation's oldest student-run organization 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. Our chapter is specifically dedicated to advocating for Black and URiM students at AMS, encouraging more URiM students to pursue STEM fields, and increasing community engagement here in Providence.

**Medical Association Representative. 2020-21 Leaders: Stephen Bozier (stephen_beswick-bozier@brown.edu), Naomie Shembo (naomie_shembo@brown.edu), Allison McHayle (allison_mchayle@brown.edu), Ahsia Clayton (ahsia_clayton@brown.edu), Youry Pierre-Louis (youry_pierre-louis@brown.edu), Lydia Ademuwagun (lydia_ademuwagun@brown.edu), Olivia Cummings (olivia_cummings@brown.edu)**

Surgical Oncology and Transplant Surgery Interest Group (SOTS-IG)

We are an interest group focused on promoting education around opportunities in surgical oncology and transplant surgery. The objective of the group is to bring together medical students interested in these specific fields of surgery through lectures, journal clubs, and physician-student mentorship. Additional opportunities include surgical observation and networking with physicians to collaborate on research projects.

Some of our preliminary ideas include having at least two journal clubs during the semester, having students present on a case they shadowed at the end of the semester, and having a lecture series that corresponds with the blocks of the AMS curriculum. We believe that corresponding our talks with the AMS curriculum would allow us to both expand the scope of our curriculum and pique general interest in innovation in the context of medicine.

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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. 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.

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Three Swords Society

The Three of Swords Society is a philosophy and literary salon. We welcome fellow pattern-finders and meaning-makers to our quasi-fortnightly soirées, where we connect diverse works of literature, research, and art to deeper structures of understanding, all with (occasionally virtual) tea and whimsy.
**Student Life Group.** 2020-21 Leaders: Lexi Lerner (lexi_lerner@brown.edu), Jon Spiegel (jonathan_spiegel@brown.edu), Joseph Wu (joseph_wu@brown.edu)

### 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.** 2020-21 Leaders: Can Cao (can_cao@brown.edu), Sudheesha Perea (sudheesha_perea@brown.edu), Tsikata Apeny (tsikata_apeny@brown.edu)
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### Vascular Surgery Interest Group

The Vascular Surgery Interest Group (VSIG) provides opportunities for medical students to explore the field of vascular surgery. VSIG host events including panels from attendings/residents, lectures, journal clubs, networking events, and interactive sessions (basic suturing/tying workshop and vascular techniques including anastomosis, ultrasonography, and the vascular physical exam). VSIG also connects students with residents and attendings to shadow in clinic and the OR and to collaborate on research projects. VSIG allows exposure to many topics in vascular surgery and allows participants to gain mentorship both locally and nationally.

**Specialty Interest Group.** 2020-21 Leaders: Dominique Dockery (dominique_dockery@brown.edu), Ji Whae Choi (ji_whae_choi@brown.edu), John Nicklas (john_nicklas@brown.edu)
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### White Coat Pocket Guide

We are developing a resource to help students connect patients to resources within the community.

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### Women’s Clinic at Clinica Esperanza

The Women’s Clinic at Clinica Esperanza seeks to address unmet reproductive and gynecologic healthcare needs of patients at Clinica Esperanza by providing routine gynecologic care in a longitudinal fashion with a focus on continual improvement in quality of care and ongoing expansion of access to services.

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### Women's Orthopedic Leadership Forum (WOLF)

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.

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