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Reach out to us!
Scan this QR code to see all the places you can find us online:

The Committee meets monthly, with meetings open to all residents or fellows unless otherwise stated. Housestaff are encouraged to contact their department representative or the HSA Office directly with concerns.

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Welcome to the University of Colorado Graduate Medical Education (GME) training programs! It is our hope that your training experience at the University of Colorado will fulfill your personal, professional, academic, and social expectations.

The Organization...

The Housestaff Association (HSA) of the University of Colorado Hospitals is the organization that represents you and all Graduate Medical Education trainees at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

The organization was founded in 1969 to represent the collective concerns of residents and fellows, and to ensure a quality educational experience for all Housestaff.

In 1985, the HSA incorporated as an independent nonprofit corporation – separate from the University – giving us full control over the direction of the organization’s activities and finances. This autonomy has allowed the HSA to remain an independent voice and a constant, dedicated advocate for residents and fellows for over 55 years.

Membership ...

The backbone of our organization is broad enrollment and active participation of our members. Monthly dues are affordable and spent effectively and thoughtfully. You are automatically a member, unless you choose to opt-out.

All incoming residents and fellows are automatically made members of the Housestaff Association!

The HSA advocates for YOU

The Housestaff Association actively addresses Housestaff concerns and interests with GME and hospital administration on topics including:

- Resident stipends
- Insurance benefits coverage
  - Medical, Dental and Vision
  - Disability & Life
- Work conditions at all sites
  - Duty hours
  - Call room conditions
  - Food availability & subsidies
  - Parking & Security
- Vacation & leave policies
- Education & training issues for programs
- Hospital systems & patient care issues
- Professionalism concerns
- Complaints & grievance procedures
- Resident/family support services

Where Do Your Dues Go?

- Salary and benefits for our Coordinator, who is available to address Housestaff concerns as they arise and provides administrative assistance to the Co-Presidents and Executive Committee.
- Stipends to the Co-Presidents – similar to a chief resident – as compensation for the time spent advocating for Housestaff (and attending many, many meetings)
- Housestaff Appreciation Week events
- Operating Costs: maintaining the HSA Office, our annual confidential survey, meeting expenses, equipment, seminars, social events, and other organizational costs.

Housestaff dues are the sole source of funding for the HSA – we are an independent organization that cannot function without YOU.

Committees & Affiliations...

HSA representatives serve on various standing committees and represent Housestaff on special interest issues that arise throughout the year which affect you and your training experience.

Current standing committees include:

Graduate Medical Education
- GME Committee & Subcommittees
  - Affiliated Hospital Steering Committee
  - Program Oversight
  - Clinical Learning Environment
  - Education
- Resident & Fellow Wellbeing Council
- GME Partnership for Quality & Safety
- CU GME Benefits Governing Board

School of Medicine
- SOM Executive Committee
- Medical Alumni Association Board
- Alliance for Professionalism in Medicine
- Trust Advisory Board

University of Colorado Hospital
- Medical Board
- Patient Safety Committee
- Ethics Committee
- Infection Control Committee
- Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee
- Quality & Professional Peer Review Committee

Contact Us!

We want to hear from you! The HSA Office is available to answer questions and seek resolutions to issues that affect residents or fellows.

Please contact your department’s HSA representative (full list on HSA website) or the Housestaff Association Office directly.

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