

MSM Students Submit Four Policies for Consideration at 2017 AMA Conference

From June 8-11, 2017, the Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) delegation to the American Medical Association (AMA) traveled to the annual AMA conference in Chicago to represent the school and to “lead the creation and advancement of health equity.”

The team of students (**Rugaya Abaza, Girgis Fahmy, Mark Giorgi, Jennifer Hendricks, Rebecca Li, Parnia Salehi** and **Collin Shumate**) authored four policies, all of which were passed by the national student assembly. Other MSM students who didn’t attend the conference but helped author these policies include **Nicole Uzor** and **David Carney**. These policies will all be considered by the larger physician body, the AMA House of Delegates, at the next conference. They are titled:

- “Opioid Abuse in Breastfeeding Mothers”
- “Improving Screening and Treatment Guidelines for Domestic Violence against LGBTQ and Other Individuals”
- “Preventing Resident Physician Suicide”
- “Identifying and Addressing Food Insecurity and Food Deserts Nationwide”

While at the conference, the students attended [educational workshops](#) that focused on many topics, such as: combating the opioid epidemic, healthcare delivery in hostile conflict zones, women’s occupational health, and the intersectionality of minority and LGBTQ health.

The Women’s Occupational Health session was led by rising third year MSM medical student Rugaya Abaza as well as other students in AMA on the Committee for Global and Public Health.

Rising third year MSM medical student Collin Shumate began his first one-year term as the national student representative to the Advisory Committee on LGBTQ Issues.



Pictured left to right: Collin Shumate, Parnia Salehi, Rugaya Abaza, Jennifer Hendricks, Rebecca Li, Girgis Fahmy (not pictured: Mark Giorgi)