

Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation is a non-profit, independent national health care philanthropy dedicated to providing information and analysis on health issues to policymakers, the media and the general public. The Foundation is not associated with Kaiser Permanente or Kaiser Industries.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, based in Princeton, N.J., is the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and health care. It concentrates its grantmaking in four goal areas: to assure that all Americans have access to basic health care at reasonable cost; to improve care and support for people with chronic health conditions; to promote healthy communities and lifestyles; and to reduce the personal, social, and economic harm caused by substance abuse -- tobacco, alcohol, and illicit drugs.

PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS

American College of Cardiology Foundation

The American College of Cardiology Foundation, a 28,000-member nonprofit professional medical society and teaching institution, is dedicated to fostering optimal cardiovascular care and disease prevention through professional education, promotion of research, leadership in the development of standards and guidelines, and the formulation of health care policy.

American Heart Association

The American Heart Association's mission is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases, including heart disease and stroke. The American Heart Association is a not-for-profit voluntary health organization funded by private contributions. The Association is one of the world's premier health organizations, with nearly 2,000 community organizations in the 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico. About 22.5 million volunteers and supporters work with the organization in its mission.

Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc.

The Association of Black Cardiologists (ABC), Inc., a 700-member organization, was founded in 1974 out of a need to bring special attention to the adverse impact of cardiovascular disease on African Americans. ABC is focused on assuring that "*African American Children Know Their Grandparents and Become GREAT Grandparents Themselves.*" This will only be achieved by effectively lowering the high rate of heart disease and stroke in our community through: culturally competent healthcare providers; equal access to medical care and innovative technologies; and effective collaboration with industry, government, other professional organizations and individuals.

CO-SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

American Academy of Family Physicians

Founded in 1947, the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) represents more than 93,500 physicians and medical students nationwide. It is the only medical specialty organization devoted solely to primary care.

American College of Physicians - American Society of Internal Medicine

The American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine (ACP-ASIM) is the nation's largest medical specialty organization and second largest physician group. Internists are specialists in the prevention, detection and treatment of illnesses that primarily affect adults. The College is a nonprofit organization providing information, postgraduate education, and advocacy for the practice of internal medicine. Its mission is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of health care by fostering excellence and professionalism in the practice of medicine.

American Medical Association

The American Medical Association (AMA) is the nation's largest association of physicians. The AMA's mission includes the development and promotion of standards in medical practice, research and education; a strong advocacy agenda on behalf of patients and their physicians; and the commitment to provide accurate, timely information that is important to the health of America.

American Medical Women's Association

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) is a national medical society of 10,000 women physicians, residents and medical students, dedicated to furthering the professional and personal development of its members and improving women's health.

American Public Health Association

The American Public Health Association (APHA) is the world's largest and oldest organization of public health professionals. APHA represents more than 50,000 members from over 50 public health occupations. Since 1872, APHA has been influencing policies and setting priorities in public health.

Association of Academic Health Centers

The Association of Academic Health Centers (AHC) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the health of the people by advancing the leadership of academic health centers in health professions education, biomedical and health services research, and health care delivery. Academic health centers - the health complexes of the nation's major universities - can be components of private or public universities, state university systems, as well as freestanding institutions dedicated to the health professions.

Association of American Medical Colleges

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) represents the 125 accredited U.S. medical schools; the 16 accredited Canadian medical schools; some 400 major teaching hospitals, including 74 Veterans Administration medical centers; 91 academic and professional societies representing nearly 88,000 faculty members; and the nation's 67,000 medical students and 102,000 residents.

National Hispanic Medical Association

Established in 1994 in Washington, D.C., the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) is a non-profit organization representing licensed Hispanic physicians in the United States. Currently, there are over 30,000 licensed Hispanic physicians. NHMA's mission is to improve the health status of Hispanics and other underserved populations.

National Medical Association

The National Medical Association (NMA) promotes the collective interests of physicians and patients of African descent. This mission is carried out by serving as the collective voice of over 25,000 physicians of African descent and a leading force for parity in medicine, elimination of health disparities and promotion of optimal health. The NMA provides education programs and opportunities for scholarly exchange, conducts outreach efforts to promote improved public health, and establishes a national health policy agenda in support of physicians of African descent and their patients.

Washington Business Group on Health

The Washington Business Group on Health (WBGH) is the only national non-profit organization exclusively devoted to representing the perspective of large employers and providing practical solutions to its members' most important health care problems.