

## Clubs and Organizations



**NSU College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Student Government Association  
Descriptions of Clubs & Organizations  
2016-2017**

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### **Addiction Medicine Club (AMC)**

Addiction Medicine Club provides students with information on how to treat individuals with substance-related health conditions, as well as information on the bio-psycho-social framework for persons with addiction. This club is also dedicated to increasing knowledge and awareness about the impaired physician, and provide information on the resources available for healthcare professionals struggling with substance abuse.

### **American Academy of Disaster Medicine (AADM)**

NSU's Disaster Medicine Club aims to educate future health professionals about the importance of disaster preparedness. The club is open to medical, dental, nursing, and physician assistant students. We promote awareness about preparing, planning, and implementing a plan in case of a natural or man-made disaster. We offer CERT classes which include first-aid training, fire safety, and light search and rescue. Our members also participate in practice drills as volunteers in a mock disaster situation. AADM members aim to be prepared for any future disaster.

### **American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP)**

NSU's ACOEP Emergency Medicine Club is open to all health professions students interested in the Emergency Medicine field. The purpose of this club is to enhance students' education and interest in Emergency Medicine. The club sponsors academic enrichment through mentorship programs, educational workshops, lecture series and clinical exposure.

### **American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP)**

The NSUCOM Chapter of the Student Association of the ACOFP is open to all osteopathic medical students and offers a variety of benefits while providing opportunities to build a professional network and enhance leadership skills. Members get access to OMT videos, webinars, COMLEX prep and an entire

network of preceptors to help students along each step of their medical career. The NSUCOM Chapter of the SAACOF is committed to highlighting the importance of disease prevention and health promotion in primary care through student activities, health promotion campaigns and community service.

### **American Medical Association NSUCOM Student Chapter (AMA)**

The American Medical Association (AMA) exists to advance the interests of physicians and their patients, to promote public health, and to lobby for legislation favorable to physicians and patients. Our AMA section at NSUCOM strives to give our students a leading voice for improving medical education and advocating for the future of medicine.

### **American Medical Student Association (AMSA)**

The American Medical Student Association (AMSA), with a half-century history of medical student activism, is the oldest and largest independent association of physicians-in-training in the United States.

Today, AMSA is a student-governed, national organization committed to representing the concerns of physicians-in-training. AMSA members are medical students, premedical students, interns, residents and practicing physicians. Founded in 1950, AMSA continues its commitment to improving medical training and the nation's health.

How is AMSA different from other organizations? When you join AMSA, you become part of a vital force of future physicians who believe that patients and health professionals are partners in the management of health care and that access to high-quality health care is a right and not a privilege. At AMSA, activism is a way of life. Student idealism is transformed into meaningful public service, innovation and institutional change.

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

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) was founded in 1915. AMWA is a national organization of female physicians, medical students, and other persons dedicated to serving as a voice for women's health and the advancement of women in medicine. The NSUCOM Chapter of AMWA has a philanthropic focus. All proceeds from membership and fundraisers are donated to charities. Members have the opportunity to volunteer in the community, meet and interact with local physicians during lectures and events, and gain knowledge and understanding of the factors

affecting future and current women physicians in the world of medicine.

### **American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine (AOASM)**

American Osteopathic Academy of Sports Medicine (AOASM) members desire to go into sports medicine through several paths, using Sports Medicine Club as a way to learn about the careers available in Sports Medicine. We also gain exposure working in the field as medical students alongside sports physicians. The club has opportunities to volunteer in the community through sports, to shadow a variety of doctors working in sports medicine, and hear lectures from many types of sports medicine professionals in order to deepen our knowledge and widen our exposure to the field.

### **Anesthesiology Club**

The Anesthesiology Club is comprised of medical students interested in the field of anesthesia. By joining this club, students get a chance to participate in intubation clinics, Anesthesiologist Speaker meetings, as well as have several opportunities of shadowing practicing anesthesiologists in the area. We seek to attract and assist high quality medical students to learn more about the field of anesthesiology and consider careers as anesthesiologists.

### **HPD Asian Student Association**

The Mission of Health Professional Division Asian Student Association (HPD-ASA) at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) is to bring awareness of Asian Culture and Diversity to NSU community throughout the organization's meetings and events, to establish a bridge between students in different programs across Nova Southeastern University, to build strong relationships between all NSU students that identify with Asian backgrounds or those that are interested in Asian culture, as well as, all NSU students, to construct a student support system, allowing each other to overcome obstacles in academics, social, and professional settings, to reduce prejudices, biases, or discriminations, while promoting diversity and acceptance of everyone regardless of background or ethnic origins and to work in partnership with other student organizations to promote their involvement in the advancement of the education and learning at Nova Southeastern University.

### **Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons (AMOPS)**

AMOPS is a national organization committed to helping all osteopathic HPSP medical students throughout the nation. NSU-COM is proud to have its own chapter dedicated to our own military students. AMOPS serves a critical role

for all of our medical students in that it provides a community of resources (including professors, administrators, and other students) where any military related question, concern, or problem can be adequately answered. Due to the nature of HPSP, military medical students have to navigate along a slightly different path than civilian medical students, and the purpose of our club is to ensure that this military medical “roadmap” is as smooth as it can possibly be for those select few students. Whether it’s *Army Strong*, *Semper Fortis*, or *Fly, Fight, Win*, AMOPS is committed to the betterment of all our military students.

### **Canadian Osteopathic Medical Student Association (COMSA)**

COMSA (Canadian Osteopathic Medical Student Association) is dedicated to spreading awareness of Osteopathic Medicine and help Canadians achieve their dream of practicing medicine. As a national organization, we advocate for Canadian regulatory bodies and policy makers to increase practice and training opportunities for Osteopathic Physicians in Canada. We assist Canadian pre-meds in the process of applying to DO schools. For current medical students, we provide information on Canadian rotations, residency programs, board examinations, provincial licensure, and on planning their transition from the US to Canada. The members of COMSA share a goal of building a sense of Canadian community at NSUCOM.

### **Catholic Medical Association (*Interest Group*)**

The Catholic Medical Association is a national organization that provides the unique service of linking medical professionals with resources and support to actively participate in and fulfill the teachings of the Catholic Church in the practice of medicine. No current club or organization does what our proposed group would like to do.

### **Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA)**

As a national organization, Christian Medical and Dental Associations exist to glorify God by motivating, educating, and equipping Christian doctors and students. We seek to serve with professional excellence as witnesses of Christ’s love and compassion and to advance Biblical principles of healthcare within the Church and within our culture.

### **Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA)**

The Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA) is the state association for osteopathic physicians in Florida. The FOMA was organized for the

purposes of advancing the science and art of osteopathic medicine; extending the benefits of scientific advancement to the treatment, prevention, and alleviation of human ailments; and promoting closer relationships between the osteopathic profession, FOMA members, and other groups dedicated to improved health care. The FOMA represents the osteopathic profession in Florida's state government.

### **Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA)**

The Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) strives for the education of all medical professionals in awareness of patients who identify as members of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Intersex and/or other sexual orientation and gender identity minorities (LGBTQI+). The GLMA provides education on LGBTQI+ resources, information on LGBTQI+ lifestyles, and training seminars on ways to interact with LGBTQI+ patients in various medical settings. Our organization's members consist of and is open to all medical professionals across all disciplines and sexual orientations. The GLMA encourages everyone's involvement in becoming the better competent medical provider for the LGBTQI+ patient.

### **Geriatrics Club**

Our mission is to connect the students and faculty from the Nova Southeastern University Health Professions Divisions schools to the local geriatric community and a foster a relationship where students can interact with older adults, offer time and services to older adults in need, and learn about the healthcare needs and the systems that provide for the local geriatric population. We pride ourselves in fostering a collaborative environment among the various HPD programs and in providing to the elder community a group of motivated and dedicated student volunteers.

### **Hispanic Osteopathic Medical Student Association (HOMSA)**

Hispanic Osteopathic Medical Student Association (HOMSA) at NSU focuses on volunteer work in our local community while promoting hispanic culture. We assist future physicians with improving their Spanish interviewing skills and prepare them to assist with the various problems facing our hispanic community.

### **Indian Physicians of South Florida (IPOF)**

Indian Physicians of South Florida (IPOF) interest group at NSU is an affiliate of the American Association of Physicians of Indian origin (AAPI). The mission

of IPOF is to enhance patient care and assist student physicians interested in Indian American heritage pursue the fields of their choice. We promote the preservation of identity while providing forums for social and cultural interaction while bringing further improvements of the field of healthcare. IPOF hosts an annual medical outreach trip to Gujarat, India in December.

### **Integrative Medicine Club**

Integrative medicine is an approach to medicine that focuses on treating the whole person: mind, body, and spirit. By incorporating different therapies, both conventional and alternative, you provide patients with more options that are better suited to their individual lifestyle. The NSU HPD Integrative Medicine Club provides members with opportunities to broaden their horizons and learn about multiple therapeutic approaches including yoga, aromatherapy, nutrition, herbs and vitamin supplements.

### **International Medicine Outreach Club (IMOC)**

The International Medical Outreach Club promotes the practice of medicine abroad along with volunteer work in the local community. We plan various international outreach trips to various places around the world including Peru, Ecuador, Vietnam, and more where we set up clinics and help the underserved populations and introduce you to new languages and cultures around the world. We fundraise these trips and opportunities by providing M1 students with Histology DVDs to help with their Histology course.

### **Jewish Association of Health and Medical Students (JAHMS)**

JAHMS is an organization that prides itself on being open to all individuals, regardless of medical discipline, or any difference between them. Although our discussions do revolve around aspects of judaism, JAHMS fosters a nonjudgmental and open environment for the free exchange of ideas and information. This organization is perfect for anyone who wants to relax, eat delicious food, and have an interesting conversation.

### **Lambda Omicron Gamma (LOG)**

LOG has always been a philanthropy club, and this year was no exception. We have engaged in many events that contribute to the community in ways that range as simple as providing donuts to the M1s during a tough week, to providing health care screenings to communities that normally wouldn't have access to any. We have set up mock anatomy reviews some of which were of no charge, and provided free doughnuts and coffee. LOG has partaken in

various ways to help the community whether it be meetings with HPD wide clubs to promote public health, or coming forth with monetary resources when our classmates were in dire need. Furthermore, we plan on continuing the philanthropic tradition of our club, with events health fairs planned in the very near future.

### **HPD Cultural and Fine Arts Club (HPD-CFAC)**

The HPD Cultural & Fine Arts Club is dedicated to bringing out the talents of Nova students to our communities, our families, and our fellow classmates. With a focus on creating and exploring, we showcase projects involving music, visual art, dance, theatre, creative writing, and their respective cultural influences. By finding and exploring our different artistic talents, we embrace the “art” of medicine.

### **Medical Students For Choice (MSFC)**

As an internationally known non-profit with a successful track record for change, Medical Students for Choice® (MSFC) stands up in the face of violent opposition. We work to destigmatize abortion provision among medical students and residents, and to persuade medical schools and residency programs to include abortion as a part of the reproductive health services curriculum. Today one of the greatest obstacles to safe and legal abortion around the world is the absence of trained providers. Medical schools are simply not addressing the topic; most physicians graduate with little more than circumstantial knowledge of abortion. As medical students and residents, we work to make reproductive health care, including abortion, a part of standard medical education and residency training.

### **Medical Students for Life (MSFL)**

The vision and purpose of Students for Life is dedicated to the education, awareness, and support of all human life. We promote educating medical health professional students about the value and dignity of human life, from conception to natural death. As a network of future healthcare and medical professionals, we are committed to developing sustainable patient health care, by advocating person-centered medicine and defending conscience rights. SFL believes in rediscovering the doctor-patient relationship with care for every patient—regardless of race, developmental stage, socioeconomic status, and special needs. We believe that through a concerted and persistent effort we can build a "culture of LIFE" where all human beings have value and worth.

### **Muslim Association of Students in Healthcare (MASH)**

We are a faith-based organization that is dedicated to promoting both the well-being in spirituality and professionalism of the students in the health profession. We intend to accomplish this goal by promoting the Islamic faith through activism, dedicated service, high moral principles and academic excellence. Our many events include monthly health screenings, social gatherings for members, volunteer/service events and other events that are yet to be announced. For our Muslim members, we offer regular Friday prayers, weekly religious discussions and iftaar (breaking of the fast) during select fasting days

### **Neuro/Psych Club**

The NSU-COM Neuro/Psych Club is a combination of all interests contained under the medical branches of Neurology and Psychiatry. Just as the brain has millions of connections, our club focuses on the similarities and differences between the two disciplines through meetings, movies, guest speakers, and public outreach events. The club often has joint events with the NSU College of Pharmacy's corresponding club in order to further broaden the practical knowledge contained within each specialty.

### **NSU Photography Club (NPC)**

Although small, photography club is a very a unique and an ambitious club. It is unique because it blends in the enjoyable leisure pursuit of photography and help balance the burnout of medical school. It was the first club to win the 'Club Of The Month' in the academic year of 2016-2017 when it released it anatomy review videos for the first year medical student, a testament to its ambition. The club takes pride in working jointly with various other clubs helping them highlight their events. Be it capturing emotional moments at the memorial service to thank the cadaver donors, or documenting international medical outreach programs; it enjoys collaboration and teamwork. In addition, it also helps students with taking portrait picture for their residency application and the money generated is donated. Under the mentorship of Dr. Nicolas Lutfi, photography clubs genuinely adds to the diversity of school.

### **NSUCOM Pediatrics Club**

The mission of the Pediatrics Club is to develop and encourage osteopathic medical student interested in pediatrics. The club is not only for those desiring to specialize in pediatrics, but also for students interested in family medicine and other fields in which pediatric patients will be encountered. Lectures and



meetings are held frequently, as are social and fundraising events. The club participates in a range of university-wide events such as A Day for Children and outreaches to unwell and underserved youth by coordinating an annual Holiday Toy Drives and visiting local hospitals.

### **Ophthalmology Club (Ophtho)**

The NSU-COM Ophthalmology Club's purpose on campus is to provide NSU students with the opportunity to learn more about the field of ophthalmology as an osteopathic physician. Our club allows students to explore the specialty and learn about the process by exposing them to current and former ophthalmologists during our informational meetings with speakers, as well as offer networking contacts for getting involved in ocular research. Ophthalmology club also places a great emphasis on volunteerism by frequently partnering with Project Downtown Ft. Lauderdale to provide food to the local homeless population. We also participate in various activities such as health fairs, glasses drives, and academic reviews for students.

### **Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Club (PM&R)**

The PM&R club's goals is to promote and bring awareness to the field. Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation physicians, also known as physiatrists, treat a wide variety of medical conditions affecting the brain, spinal cord, nerves, bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, and tendons. We also hope to bring awareness to the numerous subspecialties such as Brain Injury Medicine, Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Neuromuscular Medicine, Pain Medicine, Pediatric Rehabilitation Medicine, Spinal Cord Injury Medicine, and/or Sports Medicine.

### **Public Health Student Association (PHSA)**

The goal of PHSA is to facilitate communication, cohesiveness, networking, inter-professional/interdisciplinary collaboration among students and faculty at HPD on issues pertaining to all aspects of public health. PHSA members from various health professional programs at HPD share a common interest in the core public health issues at the forefront of today's healthcare. PHSA acts through volunteerism, professional development, guest lecture series, as well as projects to incite change.

### **Radiology Club**

The radiology club fosters interest and education on the professions of both interventional and diagnostic radiology. Through didactic lectures, students have the benefit of learning how to evaluate images which can serve them well in their clerkship years.

### **Random Acts of Kindness**

The RAK mission statement is to promote kindness across HPD. We strive to create a positive atmosphere that helps foster interprofessional relationships on campus. We encourage and support our fellow peers through our RAK compliment page, providing free hugs and high fives during exam weeks, and working with other organizations to raise awareness/funds for charitable causes.

### **Rural Medicine Club**

Rural Medicine Club offers students the opportunity to explore the underserved populations and understand how to better treat this demographic. We expose our members to the exciting possibility of practicing medicine in a dynamic environment that demands a physician to be well versed in all medical knowledge not included in their specialty. We also offer meetings with the National Health Service Corps where members get information regarding loan repayment and forgiveness.

### **Sigma Sigma Phi**

Sigma Sigma Phi is an Honorary Osteopathic Service Fraternity. Its objectives and purposes are: To further the Science of Osteopathic Medicine and its standards of practice, to improve the scholastic standing and promote a higher degree of fellowship among its students, to bring about a closer relationship and understanding between the student bodies and the officials and members of the faculties of our colleges, and to foster allegiance to the American Osteopathic Association and to perpetuate these principles and the teachings through the maintenance and development of this organization.

### **Student Advocate Association (SAA)**

The Student Advocate Associate exists to support and encourage DO students and their families. As a medical student goes through their training program, they face many changes in their lives. Naturally having spouses, family and friends involved greatly reduces the stress that is created. As such, SAA seeks

to create opportunities that will support both the student and their loved ones.

### **Student American Academy of Osteopathy (SAAO)**

SAAO is national organization with the mission to teach, advocate and research the science, art, and philosophy of osteopathic medicine, emphasizing the integration of osteopathic principles, practice and manipulative treatment in patient care. We help foster osteopathic education by holding review sessions with the OPP fellows, information events with local practicing DO physicians, and advocating attendance to the annual AAO Convocation by helping paying for travel fees for our student members.

### **Student American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics (SAOAO)**

SAOAO is an organization promoting interest, research and further learning in the field of Orthopedic Surgery. We work with local orthopedic surgeons and residents to further educate and provide opportunities for the next generation of Orthopedic Surgeons.

### **Student Association of Obstetrics & Gynecology (SAOG)**

The Student Association of Obstetrics and Gynecology aims to provide Nova Southeastern University Medical students that are interested in pursuing OB/GYN as a career with all the information and advice necessary to achieve their goals. The club hosts many information sessions about women's health and residency led by OB/GYN physicians from many different kinds of hospitals, and provides its students with many community service opportunities.

### **Student Dermatology Association (SDA)**

The Student Dermatology Association is an organization that provides students with information about a career in dermatology. We accomplish our mission by inviting dermatologists to speak us about their training, setting up shadowing experiences with practicing dermatologists, and organizing different volunteer opportunities so our members can learn even more about the field. Each semester our flagship event is a health fair at Fort Lauderdale Beach in which we hand out sunscreen and educate beach goers about the importance of sun protection.

### **Student National Med Association (SNMA)**

The Student National Medical Association (SNMA) is a national 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. Here at Nova Southeastern University (NSU), our goal is to serve the health needs of underserved communities and communities of color. In addition, we work with the Medical Association of Premedical Students (MAPS) by fostering relationships and establishing mentorship programs in an effort to promote cultivation and growth of future physician leaders. Furthermore, we are dedicated both to ensuring that medical education and services are culturally sensitive to the needs of diverse populations and to increasing the number of African-American, Latino, and other students of color entering and completing medical school.

### **Student Osteopathic Association for Research (SOAR)**

Our mission in the Student Osteopathic Association for Research (SOAR) is to encourage and foster interest in clinical and laboratory research through Nova Southeastern University as well as other venues. Through informational meetings, campus events and speakers we aim to provide information on how to initiate and participate in research to ultimately gain a better understanding of its impact on medicine and the lives of medical students. We also promote connections with physicians and faculty to initiate not only current but also future opportunities for student participation in research.

### **Student Osteopathic Internal Medicine Association (SOIMA)**

The SOIMA club here at NSU is a chapter of the national organization American College of Osteopathic Internists (ACOI). As a local chapter, we offer many talks from Internists and specialists within our community that highlight a variety of fields within this speciality. We aim to promote interprofessionalism by participating in an interprofessional mentoring program in conjunction with a local high school. This club helps to educate future internists on the plethora of career choices within the field of internal medicine.

### **Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA)**

The Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA) is a national, not-for-profit osteopathic medical organization founded to ensure a high quality of education for osteopathic medical students, to promote unity within the osteopathic medical profession, and to improve the delivery of healthcare by

Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.). SOMA is the student affiliate organization of the American Osteopathic Association and works with all chapters to foster communication between government at the local and national levels and the osteopathic medical profession. The organization also awards scholarships annually to osteopathic medical students who demonstrate leadership, compassion, or exceptional dedication to addressing the medically underserved, political activism, international medicine, or public health.

### **Student Osteopathic Surgical Association (SOSA)**

SOSA is a national organization that focuses on educating osteopathic students in the field of surgery. Members participate in suture clinics, anatomy sessions with cadavers as well as attend sessions with speakers from a variety of surgical specialties. In addition, we partner with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to raise awareness and money for the charity.

### **SOAPSS**

SOAPSS members share the goal of exploring specialty fields of plastics, ENT, and allergy. Members are introduced and connected with physicians in the respective fields, along with community service focused club meetings. Student members gain experience and tools that develop the patient centered philosophy in any field the member chooses to specialize in.

### **Wilderness Medicine Club (WMC)**

The NSU Wilderness Medicine Club tailors a unique academic and social experience to students interested in areas such as Emergency Medicine and pre-hospital EMS, with a heavy emphasis on medical procedures and treatments in a non-traditional, uncontrolled environment (usually outdoors). Students have the opportunity to meet with prominent wilderness medicine physicians and learn their skills through didactics, as well as practical, hands on trainings.

## **Publications** (three drop-down menus)

>**SGA Rounds** → <http://osteopathic.nova.edu/publications/sga-rounds.html>

>**COM Outlook** → <http://osteopathic.nova.edu/publications/outlook.html>

>**The Pulse** → <http://www.aacom.org/cosgp/the-pulse>

## **COSGP**

“The Council of Osteopathic Student Government Presidents (COSGP) is an official council of the American Association of College of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM). The Council was established in 1972 and was originally known as the Council of Student Presidents.” -- <http://cosgptouch.aacom.org>

As representatives of your student government, we are dedicated to ensuring our student body has a voice that is heard nationally. Your SGA President and President-Elect attend quarterly meetings around the country to discuss matters that are important to not only osteopathic physicians, but also to the growth and efficiency of the medical field.

COSGP Programs that NSU-COM participates in:

- Student Doctor of the Year

- TOUCH

- The Pulse* publication

- Quarterly COSGP meetings

- Annual AOA House of Delegates conference in Chicago