

### **Emergency Medicine Interest Group**

The Emergency Medicine Interest Group at MUSC is a student run organization geared towards those interested in Emergency Medicine as a specialty and career choice. We hold regular monthly meetings that include both hands-on clinical skills labs and interactive presentations with Emergency Medicine Faculty and Residents (from surrounding areas). We also include topics such as: the history of Emergency Medicine, lifestyle choices of EM physicians, and issues of importance to Emergency Medicine (e.g. litigation and overcrowding).

Third year medical students benefit from information sessions focused on planning their fourth year, choosing the time and location of their EM rotation, and choosing an EM residency. 1st and 2nd years have the opportunity to shadow physicians in a level 1 trauma center during the school year, and rising 2nd years can gain more exposure to EM during the Summer Experience.

EMIG was formed in the Spring of 1995 by Dr. Neil Gillespie, Bob Greaves, Ed Eastman with the help of emergency medicine physician, Dr. Rick Guobaitis, and was recognized by student government in the Fall of 1996. Dr. Francis Tunney is and has been the Faculty Advisor since June 2001.

Goals of EMIG are:

- Organize, develop, and promote interest in the specialty of emergency medicine.
- Provide leadership to promote active student involvement in emergency medicine.
- Establish ongoing student education in the art of emergency medicine practices and procedures.
- Expose members to the inner workings of a Level One Trauma Center.
- Provide opportunities for pre-hospital and air ambulance ride-along.
- Provide observational time in the trauma center and emergency department.
- Provide workshops to enhance clinical skills.
- Assist the professional advancement of those students seeking careers in emergency medicine.
- Promote the high esteem and ideals of the emergency medical profession.

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3rd Year Rep	Kristina Mrowca
2nd Year Rep	Amanda Barnhorst
1st Year Rep	<i>To Be Elected</i>
Faculty Advisor	Jeff Bush, MD

### **Family Medicine Interest Group**

The Family Medicine Interest Group includes students from all four years in the College of Medicine who wish to learn more about this specialty. Meetings are held monthly in a lecture series discussing incentives of family medicine, the differences between rural and urban family medicine, residency opportunities, the business aspects of family practice, and health care reform in family medicine. Members also have the opportunity to attend the state and national American Academy of Family Physicians' conventions where they meet students and physicians across the state or nation to investigate and discuss the future of family medicine.

Co-President	Elaine Ramsay
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Faculty Advisor	Peter Carek, MD

### **Internal Medicine Interest Group**

The Internal Medicine Interest Group (IMIG) is an organization open to all medical students. Because the field of internal medicine is vast, IMIG strives to provide education and information regarding not only general internal medicine, but also the internal medicine subspecialties (cardiology, gastroenterology, nephrology, endocrinology, hematology, rheumatology, oncology, pulmonology, infectious diseases, allergy/immunology, and geriatrics). This is achieved through presentations by experts in various internal medicine-related specialties and subspecialties, as well as through workshops, career fairs, and monthly meetings. Students who choose to participate in the Internal Medicine Mentoring Program gain valuable insight from current MUSC internal medicine residents regarding residency applications, the match, and careers in internal medicine. In addition, students are able to network and

build valuable relationships with MUSC Department of Medicine faculty. In addition, opportunities for shadowing can be coordinated for members who desire additional exposure to this exciting field.

President	Brandi Eastman
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Faculty Advisor	Caroline Powell, MD

#### **Medical Students for Choice at MUSC**

Medical Students for Choice (MSFC) at MUSC is a member of the national MSFC organization that is committed to ensuring that all medical students receive basic instruction in the ethical, medical, legal, and psychosocial aspects of family planning. Here at MUSC, MSFC works to create a supportive atmosphere for students interested in reproductive health. Projects include sponsoring speakers on topics such as RU486, abortion, infertility, forced sterilization, emergency contraception, and adoption; presenting information to community groups; sponsoring a Safe Sex Day; and initiating discussions on local and national views on contraception and family planning. These activities continue to increase understanding about reproductive issues and encourage tolerance in Charleston through discussion and education. Members may also attend the annual MSFC national meeting in the spring, where students and physicians have an opportunity to learn about reproductive health topics. We invite you to take part in this dynamic group.

President	Frances Cate
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Faculty Advisor	Laura Cousineau

#### **Medical Student Ophthalmology Society**

The Medical Student Ophthalmology Society (MSOS) was formed in 2004 to promote interest for eye care among medical students. A major program established by the MSOS was Fight for SIGHT. Fight for SIGHT is a community-focused organization, established by medical students and residents, dedicated to improving the eye health of medically underserved individuals in Charleston, South Carolina. Indeed, a significant number of people in Charleston County have inadequate access to quality eye care services, including medical and surgical treatments. Significant disability and decreased quality of life can result from visual impairment, thus highlighting the need to prevent vision loss among socioeconomically disadvantaged populations.

Fight for SIGHT's mission is to promote Service for the medically underserved, Initiatives for the preservation of functional vision, Growth and renewal in underserved communities, Health education and advocacy, and Training for compassionate physicians. To accomplish these goals, we organize and run comprehensive eye care screening and education clinics at sites around Charleston, bringing our services to where they are needed most. For each of the residents and medical students involved in its far-reaching mission, Fight for SIGHT offers an excellent way to become exposed to a very real side of health care. Staying in touch with the plight of the medically underserved and experiencing the personal satisfaction that comes in tangibly helping this grateful population helps ensure an enduring place for humanism in medicine.

President	Margaret Lewis Prescott
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Resident Advisor	Jay Biber, MD

#### **OB/Gyn Interest Group**

The OB/GYN Interest Group (OBIG) includes students in the College of Medicine who wish to learn more about this specialty. Meetings will be held two times each semester in a lecture series discussing topics that will inform students about a career in OB/GYN, including information about the match process from residents and physicians.

President	Sarah Sandberg
Vice President	Caroline Billingsly
Underclassmen Reps	Audrey Barry Sydney Cummings

### **Radiology Interest Group**

The Radiology Interest Group (RIG) is an organization open to all medical students. It provides an opportunity to learn more about radiology and further explore what it means to have a career in radiology. There are many benefits of membership in the Radiology Interest Group. The following are just a few: 1) through discussions with experts in the different subspecialties, students are exposed to the wide variety of careers possible in radiology; 2) students gain invaluable advice about preparing for residency from residents and 4th year students, including the facts on residency selection, competition, locations, and how to make yourself a stronger candidate; 3) students are able to network and build valuable relationships with MUSC Radiology Faculty; 4) opportunities for shadowing and research can be coordinated for those members who desire these opportunities. Please feel free to contact any of the officers for more information about RIG, membership, or upcoming events.

President	Tim MacFall
Vice President	Kevin Blackmon
Secretary	Andre Uflacker
Treasurer	Ryan Owen
Faculty Advisor	Leonie Gordan, MD

### **Sawbones**

Sawbones, formed and approved by COMSC in 2006, is a Student Interest Group for those who are interested in Orthopaedics as a career. Sawbones usually meets about 7-8 times per year at which time we have speakers from the field of Orthopaedics address various topics. We also provide a casting and splinting workshop that is usually held once a year. Last year, we were able to attend a couple of regional and national conferences free of charge, which we will plan on trying to do again this year. Yearly dues are \$15, which covers the cost of food, drinks and supplies for meetings. If you are interested in joining Sawbones or have any questions, please feel free to contact Zeke Walton at waltonz@musc.edu.

President	Zeke Walton
	Evan Baird
Vice President	To Be Elected
Secretary	Peter White
Treasurer	Justin Jones
Advisor	Harry Demos, MD

### **Student Interest Group in Neurology**

The Student Interest Group in Neurology was established with the purpose of making students aware of opportunities available in the fields of neurology, neurosurgery, and neuroscience. It furthers the knowledge of neurology among medical students and provides opportunities to participate in neurology related activities including: discussions by neurologists, patient presentations, seminars, journal clubs, interactions with neurologists in the workplace, and research opportunities. Special benefits for members include travel to conferences, access to scholarships and grants, and a subscription to "Neurology Today."

President	Alistair Aaronson
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Treasurer	Annie Chen
Faculty Advisor	David A. Griesemer, MD

### **Students Interested in Pediatrics**

Students Interested in Pediatrics (SIP) is designed to introduce medical students at all levels to the opportunities available in the area of pediatrics. The group strives to provide students with information regarding the nuances of pediatric care. SIP meets monthly through lunch and dinner meetings to explore different aspects of pediatric medicine. SIP also has many volunteer experiences at the Charles Webb Center, Taste of Charleston and Special Olympics to allow students to escape the rigor of study life and "feel like a kid again" by sharing time and energy with the children there.

3rd Year President	Ian Kane
2nd Year President	To Be Elected
Volunteer Coordinator	Ana Arias-Pandey
Secretary/Treasurer	Sarah Karpel

### **Student Psychiatry Interest Group**

After being dissolved for a number of years, the Student Psychiatry Interest Group (SPIG) re-formed seven years ago. Because of the excellent professors teaching the second year psychopathology curriculum, and the amazing

psychiatry department at MUSC, the group has more than doubled in size over the last three years. SPIG was formed to foster in MUSC students a knowledge of current psychiatric practice and standards of care, a desire to pursue a career in the ever-evolving field of psychiatry, and a love of the discipline that will translate to the highest quality of care for those with mental disorders and their families in the future.

Co-Presidents	Zach Stroud Ross Michaels
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COMSC Reps.	Raviv Berlin Meg White
Public Relations	Jon Snipes

### **Surgical Training Awareness & Residency**

Surgical Training Awareness and Residency (STAR) was founded in 1998 to inform and educate medical students about the various surgical specialties and residency programs. STAR hosts speakers from various surgical disciplines on a monthly basis. We also provide opportunities for medical students to learn surgical techniques including knot-tying, scrubbing, and suturing. In the spring, we offer a residency workshop where speakers provide information on the process of applying for, and securing a position in the residency program of your choice.

Co-Presidents	Ileana Strauch Abbie Husman
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