

Academic Interest Groups

Anesthesia Interest Group (AIG)

Dedicated to providing University of Manitoba students with a greater understanding of anesthesiology and perioperative medicine. This will be accomplished with educational and networking sessions that are complementary to the medical school curriculum. In addition, the AIG aims to encourage students to consider anesthesiology as a possible career choice. Activities include clinical skills and procedure stations, interactive talks, and a critical care medicine session.

Dermatology Interest Group (DIG)

A group aimed at teaching students about the field of Dermatology and its subspecialties. The goal is to foster an interest in Dermatology as a career and act as a forum for those already interested. Various events will be held throughout the year ranging from guest speakers to skills nights in an attempt to increase awareness and exposure to the field. It is worth noting that due to the high prevalence of skin pathologies in practice today, these events will be beneficial for students interested in almost any speciality.

Diagnostic Medicine Interest Group

The Diagnostic Medicine Interest Group brings together the fields of Laboratory Medicine, Pathology, Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS), and Radiology under one umbrella. Our goal is to expose medical students to the diverse ways physicians use diagnostic tools to guide patient care. We host interactive skills sessions, such as hands-on ultrasound workshops, and provide opportunities to connect with pathologists, radiologists, and other specialists in diagnostic medicine. Through these events, students will gain practical experience, broaden their understanding of diagnostic specialties, and appreciate their essential role across all areas of medicine.

Emergency Medicine Interest Group (EMIG)

Our goal is to assist students in learning more about emergency medicine. We will organize sessions that will serve as an opportunity to learn more about this specialty as well as to practice emergency medicine related clinical skills. We hope to provide a congenial environment for networking with other students, residents, and faculty.

ENT Interest Group (ENTIG)

The ENT Interest Group (ENTIG) seeks to expose the medical students at the University of Manitoba to the amazing speciality of Otolaryngology! Our objective is to inform our colleagues on the scope of otolaryngologists and the path to becoming one. Students will have the chance to explore the field via events throughout including information nights and clinical skills practice sessions with attending and resident physicians.

Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG)

The Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) is dedicated to helping medical students explore the diverse and rewarding field of family medicine. We hope to share the versatility and

opportunities available to family medicine physicians through suturing workshops, information nights, and networking events. If you have any ideas for events, or other things you'd like to see, we'd love if you'd join our team.

Internal Medicine Interest Group (IMIG)

IMIG is an interest group that provides opportunities to learn about Internal Medicine and the many sub-specialties that are within it. In addition, the group offers events that allow students to learn more about various medical topics and attend clinical skills workshops in the Clinical Learning Simulation Facility (CLSF). We also provide networking opportunities to students by being able to meet professors, physicians, and residents in the Internal Medicine field and as well connect with these individuals for shadowing experiences. Events held by IMIG in the past include Dinner with Internists, Q/A with Residents, Skills night, and many more.

MSK/Sports Medicine Interest group

The MSK/Sport Medicine Interest Group unites students interested in Physiatry, Orthopaedics, Sports Medicine, Fitness, and Nutrition. Our mission is to showcase the diverse ways musculoskeletal medicine impacts patient care—from injury prevention and rehabilitation to surgical management and lifestyle optimization. We organize information sessions, skills workshops, and wellness-focused events to connect students with physicians, residents, and experts in these fields. Whether you are curious about a career in MSK specialties or simply want to explore how exercise and nutrition contribute to overall health, MSK-SMIG offers opportunities to learn, engage, and stay active.

Obstetrics and Gynecology Interest Group (OGIG)

The Obstetrics and Gynecology Interest Group is committed to educating medical students about the issues in women's health that affect all areas of medicine. OGIG will provide information for those students specifically interested in obstetrics, gynecology, or other aspects of women's health.

Ophthalmology Interest Group

A student interest group aimed at connecting interested students with attending and residents in ophthalmology. Events including speeches, Q&A sessions, etc. will be held throughout the year in order to engage students in this exciting field. We also fundraise with Orbis, a non-profit NGO dedicated to saving sight worldwide through initiatives such as the flying eye hospital.

Pediatric Interest Group (PIG)

The Pediatrics Interest Group (PIG) puts on many great events each year, including Halloween and Valentine's Day Candy gram fundraisers, a dinner with physicians in various pediatric subspecialties, information nights run by current pediatrics residents about their path to residency, pediatric skills night, and more!

Psychiatry Interest Group (PinG)

This interest group provides an exposure to the subspecialties of psychiatry. We facilitate panel discussions by specialists on topics ranging from mood disorders to child and adolescent psychiatry.

Public Health Interest Group (PHIG)

The Public Health Interest Group is focused on providing University of Manitoba medical students with the best opportunities and experiences with all things public health related! If you are interested in public health issues including policy, health prevention, community health, or other public health topics, this is the Interest Group for you.

Student Interest Group in Neurology (SIGN)

SIGN aims to stimulate medical student's interests in neurology and make them aware of opportunities within the field. SIGN, being the University of Manitoba chapter of the American Academy of Neurology, looks to accomplish this by creating an environment of like-minded individuals and provide the encouragement and opportunities to pursue their neurology-based interests. We organize and facilitate events, invite guest speakers, and offer clinical exposures to enhance members' understanding of neurology. We advocate for neurological health awareness, promote networking and leadership development, and engage in community outreach. Join us to explore neurology and build lasting connections with fellow students.

University of Manitoba Surgery Club (UMSC)

The University of Manitoba Surgery Club is made up of Manitoba medical students interested in pursuing a career in surgery. We work to connect students to mentors, get students exposed to the wide variety of surgical specialties available here in Manitoba, as well as create hands-on events where students can practice their surgical skills. Last year we organized a "Suture Night" where students had the opportunity to learn and practice suturing, and knot-tying, as well as a Laparoscopy simulation event. We look forward to reading your applications this year!

Urology Interest Group (UIG)

UIG is your portal to the world of Urology, offering you shadowing opportunities with physicians in the field, an opportunity to get hands on through skills nights, as well as giving you information about patient care and career development in the field.

Non-Academic Interest Groups

Community

Black Medical Students' Association (BMSA)

The Black Medical Students' Association is a group committed to creating a community of learning surrounding black health issues, career mentorship and community outreach.

Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA)

We are the Manitoba medical student chapter of the national group. CMDS is an organization of Christian physicians, dentists, and students, each holding an individual membership, who seek to honour God by integrating faith with professional practice.

East Asian Medical Students Association

The East Asian Medical Students Association (EAMSA) supports medical students through community building, advocacy, and education. We aim to foster an inclusive environment that promotes diversity and celebrates East Asian cultures in medicine. EAMSA welcomes students of all backgrounds and hosts social events, cultural initiatives, and discussions on health issues relevant to East Asian and other underrepresented communities.

Filipino Association of Medical Students (FAMS)

We are a group of medical students at the University of Manitoba Advocating for increased representation of Filipinx in medicine. We aim to address the issues of under-representation and inequity as they apply to the Filipino community through mentorship, research, and community outreach.

Indigenous Health Promotion Group (IHPG)

IHPG provides an opportunity for Indigenous medical students to become involved and create a sense of community, while bringing important health-related information to fellow students. Our group also strives to foster understanding of others when working with Indigenous populations.

Muslim Medical Association of Canada (MMAC)

The Muslim Medical Association of Canada (MMAC) is a registered non-profit organization, providing a national platform for Canadian Muslim physicians and medical students to collaborate on clinical services, community health promotion and outreach, professional education, networking, mentorship, advocacy, and research initiatives. The U of M Chapter hold events to promote collaboration and networking and have held events in the past such as Mock MMIs, Iftars, and BBQs!

South Asian Medical Students Association (SAMSA)

The South Asian Medical Student Association (SAMSA) is a dynamic interest group dedicated to empowering South Asian medical students on their journey to becoming healthcare professionals. Our mission is to illuminate the unique identity and responsibilities of South Asians in the medical field while fostering a strong sense of representation within the diaspora. Through engaging events and AMA's, SAMSA creates a vibrant platform for students to connect, learn, and celebrate their heritage. We provide invaluable connections with physicians and healthcare practitioners who share our identity, allowing members to build networks and gain insights into the shared experiences that unite us. Join SAMSA to embrace your heritage while pursuing a rewarding career in medicine.

Advocacy, Activism, and Service

2SLGBTQIA+ Interest Group

The 2SLGBTQIA+ interest group is a community-based group focused on building community and unity among 2SLGBTQIA+ medical students and allies and raising awareness on 2SLGBTQIA+ issues and topics. We host both community networking events and educational workshops/presentations throughout the school year.

Bioethics and Professionalism Interest Group

The Bioethics and Professionalism Interest Group will provide opportunities for medical students to discuss and debate current and challenging issues in medical ethics and professionalism. They will learn about important issues that are impacting their field and society at large, and will develop their critical thinking and debating skills.

Choosing Wisely Interest Group (CWIG)

We are a group that is part of the national Choosing Wisely campaign which is designed to foster awareness amongst medical students in Canada about unnecessary tests and treatments. This group will help medical students make smart and effective choices to ensure high-quality care.

Immigrant and Refugee Health Interest Group (IRHIG)

IRHIG aims to promote peer learning of the various health challenges faced by immigrants and refugees locally and nationally.

Medical Women Interest Group (MWIG)

The Medical Women Interest Group (MWIG) mandate is to bring together medical learners to improve their personal and professional wellness and promote care for womxn-identifying patients.

Northern Remote Interest Group (NRIG)

The Northern Remote Interest Group (NRIG) aims to provide students the opportunity to learn more about practicing medicine in Northern Manitoba. We recognize the unique challenges and health needs of Northern communities and we are dedicated to learn more and work directly with communities in order to help bridge gaps in healthcare and build trusting relationships. We hope to provide several opportunities to meet directly with Northern physicians and visit a community so medical students can learn about Indigenous culture and ways of life.

Rural Interest Group (RIG)

The Rural Interest Group (RIG) aims to expose medical students to rural health care and increase interest in practicing outside of Winnipeg. We are composed of 4 Med 2s and 2 Med 1 executives who organize events for all pre-clerkship students. Events range from lunches with physicians practicing rural medicine, exposure to rural residency programs, and 1- or 2-day trips to major rural centres to experience rural medicine. RIG executives organize these events with the help of two amazing staff and recruit students to attend. Executive or not, students

get lots of exposure to hands-on skill training, advice from physicians, and various health care settings around MB!

Leisure, Sports, and Hobbies

Creative Arts Interest Group (CAIG)

The Creative Arts Interest Group (CAIG) is a student-run organization whose goal is to create a larger outlet for various creative arts within our college. The CAIG was created in 2018 as a conglomerate of the Art, Writing, and Music Interest Groups.

Medical Entrepreneurship and Innovation Group (MEIIG)

The Medical Entrepreneurship and Innovation Group serves to provide students with the skill set to grow their ideas and projects. We seek to provide students with resources such as speakers and skills nights, and want to create an environment that facilitates development of innovative and entrepreneurial ideas in healthcare.

Medicine Journal Club (MJC)

In Medicine Journal Club we take turns presenting and critiquing academic research papers. This is a great group to join to practice critically appraising research papers which is an essential component of evidence-based medicine.

Research in Medicine Interest Group

The Research in Medicine Interest Group aims to promote careers in medical research and to connect students with the resources needed to become involved with research during their medical education.

UM Run

UM Run exists to bring together students that share a common interest in running, organize regular group runs, and help encourage both physical and mental well-being.

Externally Affiliated Groups

Canadian Blood Services

The Canadian Blood Services Interest Group aims to increase student awareness and knowledge surrounding blood donations as well as encourage individuals that are eligible to donate blood.

Student Advocacy Committee (SAC)

A collaborative committee formed by representatives from the Government Affairs & Advocacy Committee (GAAC) as well as Global Health Advocacy (GHA), SAC represents the interests and concerns of medical students to all levels of government. Annually, SAC organizes a delegation of medical students to travel to Ottawa for Lobby Day. Additionally, SAC organizes Provincial Lobby Day locally in Manitoba, as well as opportunities for students to become better advocates at a local and international level.

Teaching Awards Committee

The University of Manitoba Journal of Medicine Club (UMJM)

The UMJM is our school's very own academic journal, highlighting the accomplishments of our college. Participation in this club will allow students to be involved in the writing and editing of the UMJM

UM Canadian Alliance of Medical Students Against Human Trafficking (CAMSAHT)

The Canadian Alliance of Medical Students Against Human Trafficking (CAMSAHT) is the first, student-led anti-trafficking initiative of its kind in Canada. We work to educate all Canadian healthcare professionals about human trafficking through curriculum development, research, and advocacy.

UV & Me Manitoba Chapter

Our chapter's mission is to educate the nation's youth with the knowledge to protect themselves from the dangers of skin cancer and UV exposure.