

# The Physicians Foundation

OSMAP General Membership Meeting

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# Overview

- National non-profit organization dedicated to:
  - Empowering physicians to lead in the delivery of high quality, cost-efficient health care
  - Strengthening the physician-patient relationship
  - Informing national healthcare policy by giving a voice to physicians nationwide
  - Supporting practicing physicians as they work to sustain their medical practices and navigate healthcare reform

# 2017 Accomplishments

- Ongoing grant administration in the areas of physician leadership and physician wellbeing, as well as projects centered around primary care initiatives and addressing social determinants of health.
- Began planning preliminary phases of our biennial national physician survey (2018)
- Conducted and released the results of the 2017 patient survey
- Planned and led the Foundation's 2017 Karl Altenburger, MD Physician Leadership Academy at Brandeis University
- Increased grant making substantially, predicted proposals to exceed \$6M
- Awarded TMA and FMA \$500K each for disaster relief
- Funded a new featured series in Health Affairs, *The Practice of Medicine*
- Wrote and published a number blogs for *Forbes*

# Patient Survey Results Issued Oct 2017

- Surveyed healthcare consumers to evaluate attitudes on:
  - Physician-patient relationship
  - Cost of healthcare
  - Social determinants
  - Lifestyle issues
- Media outreach underway targeting variety of national and trade healthcare reporters

# Compelling Survey Findings

- 95 percent report satisfaction with their primary care physician
- Over 90 percent believe physicians should advocate for patients
- 75 percent concerned about their ability to pay for medical treatment should they get sick or injured (compared to 62 percent in 2015)
- 69 percent believe insurance companies have the greatest influence in impacting treatment options
  - Contradicts with whom consumers (87 percent) feel the true influencer should be – physicians
- Physicians and consumers feel several other institutions and organizations are key decision-makers, including:
  - Pharmaceutical and medical device companies (49 percent)
  - Congress (41 percent)
  - Physicians (31 percent)
  - State government (31 percent)
- 57 percent feel physicians rely more on what the computer screen tells them versus the patient

# Physician Well-Being

- Physician well-being was a large focus for the Foundation in 2017 where we used our platform to spotlight its risk to the future of medicine and need to address head on
  - Sponsored and spoke at the American Conference on Physician Health
  - Awarded grants for wellness programs and research to Mayo Clinic and Massachusetts General Hospital
  - Authored Forbes post on physician burnout
  - Bolstered relevant content via social media

# Grantees

- Awarded more than \$46 million in grants since 2005
- Invested nearly \$6 million in 2017 to date
- Many of the 2017 grants focused on physician leadership, burnout and well-being



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# Physician Leadership Conference

- Facilitated annual Karl M. Altenburger Leadership Academy at Brandeis University
- Focused on developing physician's leadership skills, empowering them to foster change in a complex healthcare system





# In 2018...

- Field and report findings on sixth biennial physician survey
- Launch new website for improved grant-making process
- Pipeline of grants focused on physician leadership and well-being

# The Physicians Foundation wants to hear from you!

What vital physician issues would you like to see the Foundation research?

How can we better collaborate to drive meaningful change for our physicians?

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