

# Filling the Gaps With Socially Conscious Physicians

## **An inside look at the JSNMA Fall 2024 issue**

In the Fall 2024 issue of the Journal of the Student National Medical Association (JSNMA), we explore the critical role of socially conscious physicians in addressing health disparities and promoting health equity. This issue features insightful articles, interviews, and perspectives from leading healthcare professionals, researchers, and students who are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of underserved communities.



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## The Importance of Social Consciousness in Medicine

As healthcare professionals, we have a responsibility to not only treat our patients' medical conditions but also to address the social factors that affect their health. Social consciousness in medicine involves recognizing the impact of racism, poverty, and other forms of oppression on health outcomes and working to dismantle these barriers. By understanding the social context of our patients' lives, we can provide more comprehensive and effective care.

In this issue, we delve into the challenges and rewards of practicing socially conscious medicine. We hear from physicians who are working on the front lines of health equity, addressing issues such as food insecurity, housing instability, and mental health disparities. We also explore the role of medical education in培养 socially conscious physicians and the importance of patient advocacy and community engagement.

### Articles and Features

- **The Social Determinants of Health: A Primer for Medical Students** by Dr. David Satcher
- **Addressing Health Disparities Through Community-Based Participatory Research** by Dr. Camara Phyllis Jones
- **Building Trust with Underserved Communities: The Role of Cultural Humility** by Dr. Uché Blackstock

- **The Importance of Patient Advocacy in Socially Conscious Medicine** by Dr. Ala Stanford
- **Medical Education for Social Justice: A Call to Action** by Dr. Howard Koh

## **Interviews and Profiles**

- **Interview with Dr. Michelle McMurry-Heath, President of the American Medical Association**
- **Profile of Dr. Joseph Betancourt, Director of the Disparities Solutions Center at Massachusetts General Hospital**
- **Student Spotlight: Meet Sarah Jones, a medical student dedicated to addressing health equity in her community**

## **Book Review**

In this issue, we also review the book "**Filling the Gaps: The Role of Socially Conscious Physicians in Health Equity**" by Dr. Camara Phyllis Jones. This book provides a comprehensive overview of the challenges and opportunities facing socially conscious physicians and offers practical strategies for promoting health equity.

The Fall 2024 issue of JSNMA is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the role of social consciousness in medicine. This issue provides a wealth of information and inspiration for medical students, residents, physicians, and other healthcare professionals who are committed to making a difference in the lives of underserved communities.

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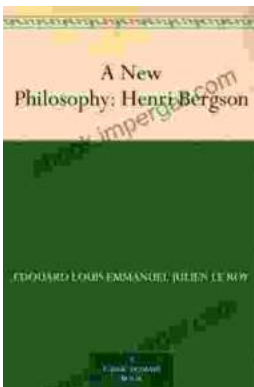
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