

Member Interest Groups

Member Interest Groups (MIG) provide an avenue for IAFP members across all levels (active, life, resident, transitional and student) to connect and collaborate on a topic of interest or situation of common ground. Only IAFP members may join Member Interest Groups. MIGs will have the opportunity to meet face to face at IAFP's annual meeting, or at other IAFP events. The bylaws, rules and/or regulations of such groups shall be subject to the approval of the IAFP Board of Directors and shall be consistent with the [Bylaws of the Academy](#) and AAFP. MIGs must have a purpose that connects to the IAFP [strategic plan](#).

[Use this form](#) to apply for any of the MIGs listed below. Contact [Ginnie Flynn](#) for assistance with Member Interest Groups.

You may also want to investigate the many [member interest groups](#) offered by AAFP.

[How do MIGs work?](#)

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IAFP Member Interest Groups (some have links to activities or resources)

Each MIG recognizes, supports, and offer learning opportunities to IAFP members with shared professional interests in these realms.

Direct Primary Care Interest Group - Note: AAFP also has an MIG on this topic

[Food is Medicine](#)

FPs in FQHCs (Federally Qualified Health Centers)

[Geriatrics](#)

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[Health Equity](#)

[Reproductive Health Care](#) *Note: AAFP has an existing member interest group on this topic.*

Urgent Care *Note: AAFP has an Emergency Medicine/Urgent Care MIG*

[Women in Leadership Interest Group](#)

NEW/Redeveloping MIGs (formerly Committees or Work Groups)

Behavioral Health

Infection Prevention

Opioid Safety

Public Health

How does a member interest group work?

- A staff coordinator assists the MIG with logistics such as zoom meetings and events promotion to wider membership.
- All MIG members will be subscribed to the designated email list
- The MIG is not board-directed, but self-directed
- The MIG may request funding from the IAFP Board of Directors for specific activities.
- MIGs are encouraged to meet during IAFP live events or via zoom as desired
- The MIG may suggest policy and programming recommendations directly to the IAFP Board of Directors for consideration.
- The IAFP Board of Directors can vote to dissolve a MIG for lack of participation (less than 10 IAFP members or no activity/communication).
- The IAFP Board of Directors cannot consolidate or dissolve MIGs for any other reason.
- Those MIGs requesting to be consolidated with another MIG must be approved by the IAFP board prior to being consolidated.

How can I start a new MIG?

Proposals to create a MIG must be submitted to the IAFP Board of Directors for consideration at one of its four meetings each year.

The board uses the following criteria when reviewing a MIG application

- Focus is consistent with the IAFP's definition of a MIG (i.e. Forum of IAFP Active Members who have shared professional interests).
- Furthers the IAFPs [strategic objectives](#) .
- Does not duplicate groups represented by the current Board-appointed committees and task forces. Membership is limited to Illinois members, but MIG members should not be employed by a single entity (for example Advocate Medical Group family physicians).
- Does not duplicate categories that currently exist.
- Does not substantially overlap the goals or objectives of any existing MIG.
- Conflicts of interest for the MIG officers have been disclosed and there are no significant conflicts.

How do we move from a proposed MIG to an official MIG?

1. A proposed MIG must have ten (10) or more IAFP Active members signify their desire to

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join the MIG. The application must be submitted to the IAFP Board of Directors and approved at one of the four board meetings each year. [Click here](#) to see the schedule of board meetings. T

2. Each MIG must annually identify a chair and vice chair, along with ten total IAFP Active members interested in forming the MIG and send those member names to [Ginnie Flynn](#)

What do I need to do next? [Use this form](#) to submit your idea for a Proposed Member Interest Group