

CONSTITUTION of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Interest Group Loma Linda University School of Medicine

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Interest Group (PM RIG).

ARTICLE II

Purpose

Section 1. Aims

The aims of the PM RIG are to:

1. Educate the medical student body about the specialty, career and clinical opportunities, and about physical disability and quality of life.
2. Facilitate the gathering of students for gaining knowledge from clinician teachers and researchers in the field, discussion of relevant and controversial topics, and participation of future servant leaders in community service.
3. Connect students to physiatrists as potential mentors and career counselors and to each other for networking and camaraderie.

Section 2. Accountability

The Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Interest Group shall operate within the policies of the School of Medicine and University as set forth in the Student Handbook and other statements of policy and procedure adopted by the School and/or University. The Assistant Dean for Career Advisement is the official liaison between the Deans' Office and all School of Medicine Specialty Interest Groups.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Membership is open to all LLUSM students, faculty, and alumni. Meetings are open to any members and their guests.

ARTICLE IV

Organization

Section 1. Qualifications for Office

Each officer must be a student of LLUSM in good standing.

Section 2. Governing Committee

- A. President: the President shall oversee and direct the general business of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Interest Group, represent the Physical Medicine and Rehab Interest Group, and assume communication with sponsors, advisors, and the Deans' Office. To hold this office, the student must have been an officer in the previous academic year.
- B. Vice President: the Vice President shall assist the president the President in the general business of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Interest Group and shall assume the role of President in the event of the President's absence.
- C. Secretary-Treasurer: the Secretary-Treasurer shall keep minutes of all Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Interest Group meetings, distribute minutes to other officers, maintain financial records, and oversee fundraising efforts.
- D. Class Representatives: the respective Class Representatives shall make announcements and/or flyers to notify classmates of upcoming events and other pertinent information.

Section 3. Sponsor

- A. The Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Interest Group shall be sponsored by Loma Linda University's Physical Medicine and Rehab Department.
- B. One or more Faculty Advisor(s) shall be appointed by the Department Chair and the Deans' Office.

ARTICLE V

Elections

Section 1. Procedures

The term of office shall be one academic year. Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Interest Group elections shall be held during the first month of the Spring Quarter. Nominations will be accepted at the election meeting and /or email, and voting will be by secret ballot of the members present. A simple majority of votes cast will determine the winner of each position. Vacant officer posts shall be filled at the discretion of the President. In special cases, with prior approval of the assistant dean for career advisement and/or the faculty advisor, voting may be done on line.

Section 2. Notification

Within two weeks after elections, the President-elect shall file an updated list of officers with the Office of the Assistant Dean for Career Advisement.