



Program Overview

Graduating physicians will develop leadership and communication skills that can be implemented into their personal and professional lives. The most impact will be made to organized medicine where graduates will be prepared and groomed for future leadership positions within the Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS), their parish/component medical society and specialty society.

Mission

The purpose of the LSMS Physician Leadership Academy is to provide our physician members with experience and training in the core aptitudes to excel in leadership positions within organized medicine, medicine practice and business.

Why Do We Need a LSMS Physician Leadership Academy?

Over the last five years the LSMS has noticed a steady and rapid decline in the number of willing, suitable and qualified candidates for various leadership positions. At the same time, the LSMS has become an organization of established physicians and has failed to engage younger physicians, who are the future of the society. As a result, the development and participation in a LSMS Physician Leadership Academy is seen as a way to both train and engage young physicians in organized medicine, specifically the LSMS.

The LSMS Physician Leadership Academy will provide physicians with the training they need to become leaders within the LSMS and their community. Each year, the selected participants will meet for six sessions over the course of a year. These sessions will occur on Saturdays and last for approximately 6-7 hours per session. There will be five classroom sessions and an additional service project to take place in the participant's local community. Tentative subjects for the five classroom sessions include:

- Orientation & Leadership Overview
- Collaboration & Influence in the Medical Environment
- Decision Making & Conflict Resolution
- Leadership and Communication
- Legislative Advocacy