



WHO WE ARE

Doctors for America (DFA) was founded on the principle that physicians are the natural stewards of public health for ALL patients. DFA is an organization of over 27,000 physician and medical student advocates in all 50 states, representing all areas of specialization. DFA teaches physicians and medical students advocacy skills and does advocacy at a state and federal level. Over the years, DFA has grown to encompass 27,000+ physicians and medical student advocates in all 50 states, representing all areas of specialization.

What we do



DFA's Impact Areas focus on Access to Affordable Care, Community Health and Prevention, and Health Justice and Equity. DFA teaches physicians and medical students the advocacy skills they need to become powerful voices for health and healthcare at the local, state, and federal level. DFA's membership represents a diverse cross-section of physicians that illustrates the diversity of their communities and our country. They know from experience why achieving health justice and eliminating health inequity are core parts of our mission.

DFA members focus on changing key segments of the American health system that most deeply affect our patients' ability to maintain or regain their health. This work includes advocating for prescription drug affordability and fighting to eliminate inequities and health disparities. In addition, we are engaged in a diverse array of issues that affect our communities, such as ending gun violence, protecting access to reproductive care, treatment for substance use disorders, responding to public health emergencies, and advocating for a stronger, more transparent FDA.



WHAT MAKES DFA DIFFERENT

DFA members are different from other medical professional societies and advocacy groups because we are committed to addressing the social determinants of health in real life, and we base our vision on the fact that “all policy is health policy.” DFA focuses solely on what is best for our patients, not on the business side of medicine. We do not accept any funding from pharmaceutical or medical device companies, which uniquely positions DFA as the organization that puts patients over politics and patients over profits.

Our Values

From its inception, DFA committed itself to being part of the solution. We know affordable health for all is a medical imperative, an economic imperative, and a moral imperative. We educate about, and support policies that further access to care, recognizing there are a number of different pathways forward.

Our mission is mobilizing doctors and medical students to be leaders in putting patients over politics to improve the health of our patients, communities, and nation. DFA’s core values guide our approach to future health system reforms, which include:

1. Universality: Everybody IN and Nobody OUT
2. Health Equity: Better quality health for everyone
3. Improving Population Health: Investing in communities
4. Affordability: Less spending on healthcare, more spending on health
5. Adaptability: Responsive to evolving healthcare need

Creating Physician Leaders in Health Reform

For too long, physicians have largely been absent in health policy decisions at every level of government. DFA trains thousands of physicians, medical students, and other health care advocates on timely topics in health policy and how to be effective advocates and organizers. DFA advocates have been featured on CNN, MSNBC, Fox, NY Times, LA Times, Washington Post, and media outlets in nearly every state. DFA leaders have gone on to high profile positions which allows them to make a positive impact on health care through a variety of state, federal and national roles:



Vivek Murthy



Mandy Cohen



Cameron Webb



Alice Chen



Jack Lewin