
IDEA Initiative

ABOUT

The **I**nclusion, **D**iversity, **E**quity, and **A**llyship (IDEA) Initiative was established to address systemic racism and the resulting health disparities. Through this initiative, the Anticoagulation Forum works to increase awareness and promote diversity in leadership, membership, and programming. The hope is for health care professionals to engage in this initiative, re-evaluate their current practice, reduce health inequities, and improve the quality of care for all patients.

GOALS

- Engage in active anti-racist efforts that will create meaningful change
- Be intentional about diversity in AC Forum leadership, membership, and programming
- Expand access to opportunities for clinicians from underrepresented groups in anticoagulation and related fields
- Increase awareness of structural racism and its impacts on health inequities/disparities

WEBINAR SERIES

The IDEA Initiative has developed a four-part webinar series to highlight the critical topic of structural racism and health disparities. This series includes stories and shared experiences from both patients and clinicians on how racism has impacted them, and concludes with a discussion on implementing real change in your practice.

Join representatives from the American Heart Association (AHA), American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP), and the Anticoagulation Forum for this important dialogue.

Part 1: Call to Action: Structural Racism as a Fundamental Driver of Health Disparities: A Presidential Advisory from the American Heart Association

Part 2: The Patient Experience - Stories we Can Learn From

Part 3: How I Got Here – Clinicians' Journeys Experiencing Racism

Part 4: Implementing Change – How we are Addressing Health Disparities in Practice

REGISTER

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

As an organization, the AC Forum is working to increase awareness and promote diversity in our leadership, membership, and programming. As part of this initiative, AC Forum is pleased to offer scholarships to our National Conference and Boot Camp program to support the ongoing education of clinicians from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups.

Scholarships will be awarded to candidates who best illustrate the desire to further their professional knowledge in the field of antithrombotic therapy.

Boot Camp Scholarship (2021)

Boot Camp is a compact 2-day meeting with a comprehensive curriculum that covers the essential aspects of anticoagulation, disease state, and drug management. Featuring engaging discussions around quality improvement, new agents, and special situations.

The [Anticoagulation Forum Spring Boot Camp](#) will take place via a virtual live broadcast on April 15-16, 2021 and all registered attendees will have access for 30 days following.

Applications Due March 31, 2021

National Conference (2021)

The Anticoagulation Forum National Conference is a 3-day meeting that offers attendees the unique opportunity to meet colleagues from around the world with wide-ranging research interests and expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of thrombotic disorders. Special lectures focusing on recent advances and important issues in anticoagulation therapy are featured, as well as exhibitors and poster presentations of original research

The [Anticoagulation Form 16th National Conference](#) will take place in San Francisco, CA on October 28th-30th, 2021.

Applications Due June 10, 2021

National Conference - Abstract Research Award (2021)

Award recipients will be invited to present their research as a poster presentation at the AC Forum National Conference. They will also receive guidance from a member of the Anticoagulation Forum to assist with preparing their research presentation.

Abstracts do not need to be completed in order to apply for the Research Award. Applicants will need to submit an abstract title, 1-2 sentence description, and a statement on why this work is important to the field.

Eligible applicants include clinicians from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups conducting any research within the field of antithrombotic therapy OR a clinician conducting research on racial health disparities.

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Get Involved

With the help of partners and allies, we can expand access to our educational materials and scholarships and increase our impact on the anticoagulation community.

If your organization is interested in collaborating on future IDEA Initiative programs, please email Ashlee Talbot , Project Manager, at atalbot@aforum.org.



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