



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Association of American Medical Colleges is to improve the health of the public by enhancing the effectiveness of academic medicine. The AAMC pursues its mission by assisting academic medicine's institutions, organizations and individuals in carrying out their responsibilities for:

- Educating the physician and medical scientist workforce;
- Discovering new medical knowledge;
- Developing innovative technologies for prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease;
- Providing health care services in academic settings.

MEMBERSHIP

The AAMC is a nonprofit association representing the 125 accredited U.S. medical schools, the 16 accredited Canadian medical schools, 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems, 91 academic and professional societies representing 98,000 faculty members, and the nation's medical students and residents.

The AAMC is governed by a 30-member Executive Council, whose participants are elected by members of the Council of Deans, the Council of Teaching Hospitals and Health Systems, the Council of Academic Societies, the Organization of Student Representatives, and the Organization of Resident Representatives.

AAMC-CDC COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

The cooperative agreement between the AAMC and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) was established in the fall of 2000 and emphasizes the importance of improved and increased collaborations between public health and medicine. Four major categories of collaborative activities between the AAMC, its membership, and the CDC were identified in the cooperative agreement:

- Promoting the teaching of prevention and public health in academic medical centers.
- Promoting the training of public health and prevention researchers within academic medical centers.
- Increasing the number of underrepresented minority students in medical schools.
- Activities to eliminate health disparities.

The AAMC has established lines of communication with its member institutions, including the website www.aamc.org/cdc, so that information related to the Cooperative Agreement can be conveyed and responded to in a timely manner.

The AAMC believes that the opportunities afforded by this new funding mechanism will, over time, permit the academic medicine community to augment significantly its contributions to the nation's public health agenda.

FUNDED PROJECTS

In 2002-2003, the AAMC's Cooperative Agreement with the CDC provided funding for the following:

- Twenty-nine new awards for grant applications responding to the 2002 PERTs.
- Twelve continuation awards for grants awarded in response to the 2001 PERTs
- Two continuation awards for grants responding to a FY 2002 RFA entitled "Unexplained Diarrhea Sentinel Surveillance"
- Three AAMC-based in-house projects:
 - Appropriate Antibiotic Use Curriculum Evaluation
 - Development of Regional Centers to Improve Medical Students' Exposure to Public Health and Population Medicine
 - Injury Prevention Curriculum for Medical Students

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on the AAMC-CDC Cooperative Agreement, please visit our website at www.aamc.org/cdc

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