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The MedBiquitous® Community Connection newsletter shares ongoing activities for community members and features updates, as well as a list of future engagements. For more information about MedBiquitous, please visit medbiq.org/about_us.

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

We extend a warm welcome to the newest participants of the MedBiquitous Program! We will have more participants to announce next month.

- American Board of Medical Specialties
- Mohammed Bin Rashid University of Medicine and Health
- National Board of Medical Examiners
- University of California, San Francisco

We invite you to join, or rejoin, the community! For more information, please visit https://www.medbiq.org/participation.
Participation Application Cycle

The application cycle for fiscal year 2021 closes on May 13, 2021, to allow applications to be processed for the May Steering Committee meeting and June ballot. All applications received after that date will be processed under fiscal year 2022, which begins July 1.

Cast Your Ballot: Open Ballot Reminder

This is a reminder to all voting body representatives that we have an active ballot that will close on May 5 at 11:59 PM ET. Please refer to your email for more instructions. If you are the voting representative for your organization and did not receive the ballot email, please contact medbiq@aamc.org.

Join MedBiquitous Working Groups

MedBiquitous has started the process to launch its technology standards working groups. Reconvened working groups will focus on the reactivation of the full collection of MedBiquitous data standards.

The first phase of the launch will include a subset of our existing standards. Those standards that will be submitted to ANSI for review as American National Standards (ANS) are indicated below. We would like to thank individuals listed for volunteering their time and talents to lead MedBiquitous working groups.

Activity Report (ANS submission):

- James Fiore, National Board of Medical Examiners

Professional Profile (ANS submission):

- Prasad Chodavarapu, American Board of Family Medicine, Inc.
- Amy Opalek, Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research (FAIMER)

Curriculum Inventory:

- Susan Albright, M:ed:Integrate
- Sascha Cohen, University of California, San Francisco
- Hugh Stoddard, Emory University School of Medicine

Financial Interests:

- Barbara Anderson, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health
- Joanne Ey, American College of Physicians
- Diane Reed, UW Health

If you are interested in participating in a working group, please email medbiq@aamc.org.

MedBiquitous 2030: Upcoming Activities
A consistent challenge that MedBiquitous has been called upon to address is bringing to bear a distributed set of tools and resources in support of health professions education (HPE) and credentialing. Although the MedBiquitous community has answered this call on multiple occasions, the challenge remains that the adoption of the standards and guidelines produced by the community occurs only in niche pockets, rather than by the HPE community at large.

We are delighted to announce the launch of a new program initiative “MedBiquitous 2030.”

In the last year, the global COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the fragility of our existing technology infrastructure. The delivery of education and the verification of credentials are just two examples of high-level processes that were disrupted and rapidly modified to accommodate changes that accompanied the pandemic. In almost every case, silos between existing technologies and data sets were made abundantly apparent, and integration and interoperability were touted as solutions to this dilemma.

This month, the white paper “MedBiquitous 2030: Building the Digital Ecosystem for Health Professions Education” was posted in our public comment forum for feedback. This draft has been reviewed by the Steering Committee and its subcommittees. This final draft of the white paper will be available for 30 days before comments are collected and integrated into a version that will be published on our website.

Last week, we hosted a webinar explaining the direction that MedBiquitous is taking and provided a forum for the community to ask questions. If you were unable to join us, the recorded presentation may be watched here.

The public comment period will end on May 13. Please provide your comments today.

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**Participate in the MedBiquitous ThinkTank**

The *MedBiquitous ThinkTank* is our forum on the AAMC virtual community platform. We will use this space for discussions related to our community activities, like webinars, and our standards development efforts.

Your voice is vital in the data standards community and needs to be heard. What are some education technology challenges you are trying to solve, and how can MedBiquitous help? Your ideas might spark a new project!

If you would like to join the *MedBiquitous ThinkTank*, email medbiq@aamc.org with the below information:

- First name
- Last name
- Email address
- Professional title
- Institution name
- Institution street address

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**MedBiquitous Community Connection Webinar Recordings**

The catalog of recorded presentations from the entire 2020 season is available here. Viewing the *MedBiquitous Community Connection* webinar recordings is free, but
registration is required. Please use your primary AAMC account login and password to access the content.

Additional presenters for our 2021 webinar season are still being announced. Details related to speakers and topics will be updated at https://www.medbiq.org/mediapublications.

Interested in presenting a webinar topic for MedBiquitous Community Connection? Proposals may be sent to medbiq@aamc.org with the following details:

- Title of presentation
- Speaker(s) name, title, and institution
- 2-3 learning objectives and/or goals for webinar attendees
- Short description of presentation (200 words or less)
- Short description of speaker(s) background (200 words or less)

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Please be safe and healthy.
Best regards,
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