

# MedBiquitous



## COMMUNITY CONNECTION

MedBiquitous | Building a Community, Cultivating a Process, Sustaining a Collection

### March 2021

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](https://medbiq.org/about_us).

### Welcome to Our Newest Members!

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

- American Board of Family Medicine, Inc.
- University of Arizona, College of Medicine, Curricular Affairs



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

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### 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 April 1 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](mailto:medbiq@aamc.org).

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### Join MedBiquitous Working Groups

When health professions education and credentialing organizations utilize data standards, the resulting interoperability benefits educators, learners, administrators and technical teams alike. The development, adoption, and implementation of data standards allow organizations to share data with more flexibility, agility, and consistency - eliminating the need to develop a unique process for each new transaction. The recognized and replicable processes provided by MedBiquitous standards can improve overall data quality, enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of data collection and sharing, and support better decision-making and policy implementation across the international health professions education landscape.

MedBiquitous has started launching 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. If you are interested in leading a working group that presently does not have a chair, please contact [medbiq@aamc.org](mailto:medbiq@aamc.org).

Activity Report (ANS submission):

- James Fiore, Independent Participant

Competencies (ANS submission for Competency Framework and Performance Framework):

- Rosalyn Scott, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
- Tim Willet, SIM-one

Educational Trajectory and Educational Achievement (ANS submission):

- Email [medbiq@aamc.org](mailto:medbiq@aamc.org) if interested in becoming a working group lead.

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 & Public Health
- Joanne Ey, American College of Physicians
- Diane Reed, UW Health

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- David Topps, University of Calgary

If you are interested in participating in a working group, please email [medbiq@aamc.org](mailto:medbiq@aamc.org).

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## 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.

In early April, the white paper “MedBiquitous 2030: Building the Digital Ecosystem for Health Professions Education” will be 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.

We will host an upcoming webinar explaining the direction that MedBiquitous is taking and provide a forum for the community to ask questions. Webinar details will be updated at <https://www.medbiq.org/mediapublications>.

Please look for upcoming announcements on the call for public comment on the draft, as well as registration for the upcoming webinar.

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## Coming Soon: MedBiquitous Open Call for Content

The roots of MedBiquitous are in academia. To celebrate the return of the MedBiquitous conference for 2021 and launch a new method of engaging with the community, we will be offering an open call for content for multiple MedBiquitous platforms.

The call will be used primarily to offer the community an opportunity to present content they are passionate about at either the annual conference or the monthly webinars. We will also be offering a variety of new ways for the community to interact over the coming months, and we will be looking for content for those opportunities as well. Stay tuned for more information.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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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### **Update to MedBiquitous Fee and Proration Schedule**

As of July 1, 2021, the MedBiquitous fee schedule will be updated to the model in the table below. Proration occurs at the mid-point of the fiscal year, on January 1, 2022. Those fees are represented in the column next to the full amount.

Participation Type			Participation Fee	Prorated Fee
Individual Participant – Student			\$0	
Individual Participant – General Interest			\$500	
All Health Professions Education Institutions and Training Programs, including AAMC Members (medical schools and teaching hospitals)			\$0	
Non-profit Organizations and Governmental Agencies				
	Annual Revenue	<25M	\$2,500	\$1,250
		<50M	\$4,500	\$2,250
		<200M	\$6,500	\$3,250
		>200M	\$9,000	\$4,500
For Profit Organizations				
	Annual Revenue	<25M	\$4,000	\$2,000
		<50M	\$5,500	\$2,750
		<200M	\$7,500	\$3,750
		>200M	\$10,750	\$5,375

Emails will go to existing MedBiquitous participants to inform them of the changes as we begin preparation for fiscal year 2022.

We are happy that we were able to offer the prior, introductory fee schedule during such an unprecedented time in our recent history.

Future fees are subject to change. Any updates to the fee and proration schedule will be announced in advance of the next fiscal cycle in which they will occur.

## Workspace Community Launch

As of March 29, 2021, we have performed a soft launch of additional virtual communities on the AAMC Communities network to support the standards development efforts of our committees and working groups. If you are not in one of the working groups or committees there is nothing to do at this time.

Building on the virtual community platform provided by the AAMC, this virtual space is for health professions educators and technology innovators to actively engage in the dialogue and consensus-driven process related to developing technology standards for health professions education, competence assessment, and quality improvement.

Similar to *MedBiquitous ThinkTank* – where we ask you to contribute your ideas and insights, pose questions, share resources, and grow your professional network – the functionality of the new communities provides these additional features:

- Action items for the MedBiquitous team and other members of your working group/committee;
- Ballots that can be used for official voting, or additional data gathering for consensus; and,
- Project tracking across multiple working groups/committees.

The soft launch includes the MedBiquitous governance groups, the Steering Committee, Technical Advisory Group, Research and Alignment Group, and Voting Body, as well as working groups as they become active. We will provide more information to your working group in the coming weeks as working groups continue to launch.

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Please be safe and healthy.

Best regards,  
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