



About ACPM:

The American College of Preventive Medicine

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ACPM was founded in 1954 to create a professional home for the growing number of board-certified experts in preventive medicine. It was chartered as a nonprofit organization two years later in 1956.

ACPM provides a dynamic forum for the exchange of knowledge and practice advancement for preventive medicine specialists. We offer high-quality continuing medical education, resources for ongoing professional development, networking opportunities, and advocate for the important role of preventive medicine in our healthcare system.

The Mission

The mission of ACPM is to represent and support preventive medicine physicians in their role as public health and health systems leaders.

To do this we:

- Advance the practice of preventive medicine throughout public health and health systems;
- Demonstrate the value of preventive medicine as critical to health and health care and to averting health crises;
- Develop and provide educational programs for preventive medicine physicians and our colleagues in prevention;
- Advocate for preventive medicine and preventive medicine physicians in health systems and health policy;
- Foster and facilitate career opportunities for preventive medicine physicians; and
- Assure the availability of high-quality residency training of preventive medicine physicians in sufficient numbers to meet national needs.

Our Vision

Public health and health systems value the leadership role of preventive medicine to promote healthy lifestyles and population health.

Our Members

With an expertise in population health, preventive medicine physicians bridge the divide between public health and clinical practice. ACPM members apply their expertise to improve the health of large populations and address today's biggest health care challenges.

Preventive medicine physicians work in a variety of settings, including state and local health departments, Fortune 100 companies, health systems and all levels of government.

Preventive medicine is a medical specialty recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) which focuses on the health of individuals and communities. The goal of preventive medicine is to promote health and well-being and prevent disease, disability and death.

Preventive medicine specialists are licensed medical doctors (MD) or doctors of osteopathy (DO) who possess expertise in a broad range of health care skills, including biostatistics, epidemiology, planning and evaluation of health services, management of health care organizations, research, and the practice of prevention in clinical settings. They apply their knowledge and skills in medicine, social, economic, and behavioral sciences to improve the health and quality of life of individuals, families, communities and populations through disease prevention and health promotion.