Description

Professional and academic societies provide field- and or discipline-specific intellectual communities of peers, collaborators, and information to health sciences students, faculty, clinicians, and researchers. Many societies maintain web sites designed to be resources for medical student educators. [Click here to *jump to the list of societies* at the bottom of this page.]

General Strengths & Weaknesses

UMMS users cite currency, accessibility, professionalism, reliability of materials, and the opportunity for self-learning as the primary benefits for using professional societies in their teaching. In addition to access to "*pre-prepared curricula*", topic generation, teaching modules, images, and simulation exercises, UMMS users report the value of exposing students and residents to appropriate use of peer-reviewed and empirically based online resources.

The only UMMS user cited weakness is that there is variability across professional sites, such that not all societies offer comprehensive resource lists.

Peer Resources

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Contact Barbara Ingrassia in the Lamar Soutter Library with copyright, intellectual property, and open source for non-legal advice with regard to use of materials found on Professional Society web pages.
Contact Colleen Burnham

Professional Societies and Organizations

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[*note*: short site descriptions are taken directly from the sites.]

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)

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Resource	Videos	White Papers	Curriculum Outlines	PowerPoint	Online Cases	Self-Study	Other
AAFP		Public Health Tip Sheets					
ACOG							Statistics
ASCCP		Patient Education Information Sheets				Case of the Month	
CDEM/ SAEM	Ultrasound Modules		Curriculum Guidelines	Teaching Modules			
CME eMedicine (MEDscape)		Resource Center				Clinical Briefs	Video Blog Presentations
							Medical Blogs
	Clinical Knowledge Base (via Lamar Soutter Library)						
COMSEP		Strategies for Assessment	Multimedia Teaching Resources		Virtual Patient Cases		Virtual Pediatric Hospital (Cases)
			Curriculum Support Resources				Teaching Strategies
SAEM			Model Curriculum				Medical Blogs
STFM	Family Medicine Digital Resources Library						Podcasts