In 1915, Dr. Bertha Van Hoosen, a Chicago surgeon, gathered several women physicians together for networking, support and to specifically represent women physicians and women’s issues. That was the beginning of the American Medical Women’s Association.

There continues to be a pressing need for female role models and mentors, specialized professional development programs, and increased study of women’s health issues. Women want a forum to learn from each other about how to handle multiple roles, a balanced career and family.

AMWA members share the goal of promoting women’s health and taking the steps necessary to assure that these issues are on the agenda at all levels of government – local, state, national, and international. AMWA members and student members use their professional expertise and leadership capabilities to persuade and influence legislative bodies on issues affecting women’s health.

AMWA meets your critical needs now and in the future. Visit our website to find out more. And start receiving the many benefits of AMWA Student Membership today that will make an important difference in your professional life tomorrow.
16 Great Reasons to be an AMWA Student Member

1. Networking & Mentoring. Unique AMWA programs offer both personal and professional support from women physicians and other medical students.

2. Discuss the Issues. AMWA offers an influential forum for your views on issues such as gender equity, sexual harassment, maternity and medicine, dependent care, and health care reform.

3. Opportunities to Advocate. Strengthen your voice on women’s health issues through AMWA’s e-mail advocacy alerts, and lobbying.

4. Enhance Your Leadership Skills. Be a student member of the AMWA Board of Directors, join a committee task force, or take a popular leadership training seminar.

5. Student Leadership. AMWA student members have their own active organization of national, regional and branch presidents, officers and student coordinators.

6. Your Vote Counts. AMWA student members have full voting privileges in the election of national officers and participate in the Meeting of the Members convened at each Annual Meeting.

7. Reproductive Health Initiative (RHI). Free resources online: RHI Model Curriculum (used in over 1/3 of medical schools); educational programs; and a directory with over 40 international medical educational opportunities.

8. Student Loans & Scholarships. AMWA helps you pay for medical school with student loans and scholarship funds.

9. AMWA Online. Register in the members-only section for the latest news and information on medical research, AMWA events and professional education opportunities.

10. Awards. The Birch Award recognizes exceptional research by a student member; The Glasgow Award acknowledges the outstanding essay about a woman physician mentor.

11. Publications. AMWA Connections, the bi-monthly newsletter, and the quarterly Journal of the American Medical Women’s Association keep you current on women’s health issues and AMWA activities.

12. Local AMWA Chapters. Influential, supportive network of student chapters at over 80 medical schools

13. AMWA Bed & Breakfast Program. A home away from home for fourth year students applying for out-of-town residencies.

14. AMWA Meeting Discounts. Student members receive discounted registration for all national AMWA meetings.

15. Insurance & Credit Card. Get low cost life, disability and major medical insurance – and the low rate AMWA MasterCard. AMWA group buying power means greater savings.

16. Free IHMEC membership. (International Health Medical Education Consortium) – an organization of students and faculty interested in international medical education experiences and careers. Courtesy of RHI.

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