

Module 3: Policy, Advocacy, and Activism Questions and Answers

Questions:

1. What is physician advocacy, according to the AAMC?
2. What is an activist?
3. What is an advocate?
4. What is a policy?
5. Name the different levels of advocacy at which a physician may become involved.
6. Violence intervention programs are an example of what level of advocacy?
7. Name 3 possible actions that you could undertake as a physician to participate in advocacy.

Answers:

1. AAMC defines physician advocacy as “Action by a physician to promote those social, economic, educational, and political changes that ameliorate the suffering and threats to human health and well-being that he or she identifies through his or her professional work and expertise.”
2. A person who makes an intentional action to bring about change
3. A person who speaks on behalf of another person or group
4. A principle, recommendation, or course of action proposed by a governing body, party, or institution
5. Individual/patient, Institutional, Governmental, Personal
6. Institutional level
7. Answers will vary -- see PowerPoint slides for examples