Of the 248 respondents to TMA’s 2023 Section Survey, 28 (or 11% of the total) represented the Medical Student Section (MSS).

- 36% of MSS respondents cited policy and advocacy as their primary reason for section participation, followed by networking and peer connections (32%).
- When asked what type of advocacy initiative was most important, a majority of MSS respondents (70%) ranked public health/patient advocacy at the top.
- When the MSS members were asked to drill down on topics of most interest within policy and advocacy, their responses were:
  - Grassroots advocacy and relationship building (25%);
  - Legislative testimony training (18%); and
  - Resolution writing (17%).
- When MSS respondents were asked what type of networking is most interesting, they ranked highest, at 44%, informal meetups/networking in conjunction with section meetings. This was followed by educational speakers/CME components in conjunction with section meetings (22%) and organized group outings/activities in conjunction with TMA conferences (22%).