



At the Table, Not on the Menu: Strengthening AMSN's Voice in Advocacy

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Summary: With so much change in health and health care today, the strong voice of nurses and nursing could not be more important. Learn how AMSN is organizing medical-surgical nurses vital advocacy agenda to make a difference - and how you can play a role.

Nursing Implications:

- Nurses see professional advocacy as integral to their practice and patients.
- Specific policy shapes nursing practice - some of it is helpful, and some of it AMSN is working to change.
- Nurses participate in professional advocacy at the local, state, and national levels.
- Nurses build skills and understanding necessary to becoming effective advocates.

Key Takeaways:

- Policy shapes nursing practice - and that policy can be understood and changed if necessary.
- The voice of nurses, especially through their professional organizations, can play a vital role in positive healthcare policy change.
- AMSN has developed a state and national advocacy agenda that reflects and advances the demonstrated views of AMSN members.
- AMSN has organized a legislative team and legislative advisors, and is making available professional resources for members, through which AMSN members can effectively advocate for vital nursing policy issues at the national and state level.

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