Together, We Can Create a Healthier America
“I can’t think of another organization like AMGA Foundation, partnered with all of the member groups of AMGA, changing the work of so many medical groups nationally.”

— Kevin McCune, M.D.
System Vice President, Chief Medical Officer, Advocate Medical Group, Medical Director, Advocate Aurora Post Acute
AMGA Board Chair

Together, We Can Create a Healthier America for Millions of Patients

What if AMGA members—the most prestigious and innovative medical groups and integrated health systems in the nation—worked together to address the nation’s most important public health challenges?

**AMGA Foundation**, the philanthropic arm of AMGA, makes that vision a reality. With our partners and members, we improve health for millions of Americans through our signature offerings: the Acclaim Award, Best Practices Learning Collaboratives, and national campaigns.

Our population health initiatives are distinctive because we share best practices based on quantitative data generated by our members. Then, we translate what works best into everyday practice, enabling groups to deliver the best care possible.
We are honored to receive this prestigious award. I want to extend my thanks and congratulations to our care transformation leadership team and to all of the physicians and staff who have been working to improve how we deliver care in recent years. Care transformation requires both vision and perseverance, and the Acclaim Award is a great validation of our measurable progress.

— Paul Ramsey, M.D.
Chief Executive Officer, UW Medicine

Acclaim Award
Honoring Excellence and Innovation in Care

The Acclaim Award, supported by AMGA Foundation, honors the nation’s premier, high-performing healthcare delivery organizations that are bringing their organization closer to the ideal medical group and health system by:

- Measurably raising the quality and value of care
- Driving positive outcomes through patient experience
- Continuously learning and innovating
- Creating scalable models for population health

Since 1999, Acclaim Award recipients and honorees have exemplified organizational excellence. By honoring and sharing their initiatives, we help to advance their best practices at other healthcare organizations.

2019 recipient:
UW Medicine

2019 honoree:
Lexington Clinic
Best Practices Learning Collaboratives
Uniting to Address Vital Care Topics

Our Best Practices Learning Collaboratives unite some of the highest performing groups in the country to develop solutions for managing chronic conditions, treat preventable illnesses, and succeed in payment reform models such as Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS). We host in-person and online meetings and create easily shared tools and resources. These communities of knowledge accelerate systematic change and catalyze lasting breakthroughs in patient care and service. To date, more than 150 medical groups have participated in our collaboratives and symposia.

In addition, we publish Best Practices Learning Compendiums showcasing the success stories of our collaborative participants. Their innovative programs, aimed at improving the management of chronic diseases, provide all of our members as well as the greater healthcare community with a quality improvement rubric they can replicate in their own organizations.

“We rely on AMGA Foundation to identify the most compelling and potentially solvable problems in chronic care, and to provide the forum for us to collaborate on solutions nationally with our peers.”

— Mark A. DeRubeis, M.B.A.
Chief Executive Officer, Premier Medical Associates
Member, AMGA Board of Directors

Our Collaboratives have helped patients successfully manage:

- Adult immunizations
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Diabetes
- Heart failure
- Hypertension
- Multiple chronic conditions
- Obesity
- Rheumatoid arthritis
Collaborative Solutions
Get Results

Spotlight on Our Adult Immunization Best Practices Learning Collaborative

This Collaborative brought together 46 groups to increase immunization rates in adult patients, with a specific focus on pneumococcal vaccines and influenza, thereby reducing the clinical and economic burden of vaccine-preventable diseases.

More than 4 million vaccinations have been administered or documented across three Adult Immunization Learning Collaboratives (Pilot, Group 2 and Group 3)!

Patient Story

During a post-hospital discussion, Bill’s case manager at USMD in Dallas, Texas, discovered he hadn’t taken his medicine for five days. While participating in AMGA Foundation’s Best Practices in Managing Patients with Heart Failure Collaborative, USMD had become more focused on lifestyle education, so the case manager seized the opportunity to convey to Bill and his wife how important it is to recognize dangerous symptoms. Using analytic tools, the case manager quickly discovered the effective pre-admission beta blocker dosage varied from post discharge. She immediately referred Bill to a cardiologist who adjusted his medication. Bill has remained heart healthy!
In 2012, we launched a long-term effort to improve care and patient outcomes for pressing chronic conditions. Out of this effort was born our first national campaign—Measure Up/Pressure Down®—which galvanized AMGA members across the country and improved hypertension detection and control for over half a million people.

In March 2016, AMGA members gathered for the launch of Diabetes: Together 2 Goal®, featuring Sugar Ray Leonard, who expressed support for the campaign’s efforts to “knock out” this disease.

“Bringing providers together from across the country to improve our care is a best practice for America.”
— Robert E. Nesse, M.D. 
Senior Advisor to the Mayo Clinic Board of Governors for Payment Reform, Mayo Clinic

National Campaigns
Tackling Hypertension and Type 2 Diabetes with Groups Nationwide

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Patient Story
“I am a pilot with a major airline. My health is extremely important for my job, because when we’re in the air, I’m responsible for the lives of all of my passengers and my crew. I annually have to pass a flight physical in order to keep my wings. Over the last few years, my blood pressure had been inching up at each doctor visit. With my physical looming this past year, I got serious about lowering my blood pressure. I worked very closely with my doctor on medications, used an at-home blood pressure monitor, and lowered my numbers. Thanks to Measure Up/Pressure Down®, I’m still flying today.”
Together 2 Goal®—our second national campaign, launched in 2016—aims to double our efforts and to measurably improve care for 1 million people with Type 2 diabetes by 2021. In collaboration with our members and partners, we have compiled a Campaign Toolkit, best practices, webinars, and more to help participating groups advance care delivery and improve patient outcomes. We also collect data from participants and produce blinded comparative reports, allowing groups to track their progress and benchmark against their peers. Select participants are tackling two pressing topics in Diabetes care—cardiovascular disease (CVD) and eye care—through the recently launched Innovator Track.

Over 150 Groups in 36 States

Together 2 Goal®
AMGA Foundation

The tools and resources AMGA Foundation provides accelerate our group’s progress in the care of chronic diseases. Being able to tap into best practices of the most advanced healthcare groups from around the country involving the most common and devastating chronic conditions is one of the most valuable benefits of being part of the Foundation.”

— Stephanie Copeland, M.D.
Senior Medical Director, Regional Quality,
OptumCare/Wellmed DFW
Member, AMGA Foundation Board of Directors

Extending into 2021

Together, we have collectively improved care for more than 750,000 people with Type 2 diabetes! To continue this strong progress towards our 1 million goal, AMGA is extending the Together 2 Goal® campaign beyond March 2019 through March 2021. This extension provides a great opportunity for existing groups to continue hardwiring their diabetes improvement efforts and allows new groups to learn from what has already been done. We will offer a host of new tools and resources, including a supplement to the Campaign Toolkit, mentoring opportunities, enhanced data support, and more.
Serving as a catalyst, connector, and collaborator, AMGA Foundation has increased positive outcomes for 26 million patients by:

- Uniting medical groups and health systems to collaborate on chronic care solutions
- Sharing tools and resources so our members can benchmark themselves, improve outcomes, and share successes with colleagues
- Measuring and evaluating data to create evidence-based interventions, best practices, and models of care
- Scaling successful models of care to reach millions of patients across the U.S.

“Nobody else except AMGA Foundation has such a broad reach that’s able to impact so many patients nationwide.”

— Robert W. Brenner, M.D., M.M.M.
Senior Vice President and Chief Physician Executive, Valley Health System
Chair, AMGA Foundation Board of Directors

AMGA Foundation
Measurably Improving the Health of Americans

For Providers

Tackling Chronic Illness
Galvanized nearly 200 participating organizations to take on hypertension and diabetes.

Creating Communities of Knowledge
United nearly 150 organizations on 13 care topics including Heart Failure and Obesity. Distributed $1.6 million in grants to enable groups to participate in collaboratives.

Celebrating Excellence
Presented 22 Acclaim Awards to 17 member groups.

For Patients

Preventing Heart Attack and Stroke
Improved hypertension detection or control for over 540,000 patients.
Readmission rates changed from 27% to 15% over the course of the Heart Failure Best Practices Learning Collaborative. The national average is 21.6%.

Driving Outcomes for Patients with Type 2 Diabetes
Improved care for more than 750,000 people with Type 2 diabetes to date.

Immunizing for Better Health
Over 4 million vaccinations administered to patients at AMGA member groups so far.
Vision 2025: Ready to Reimagine Health Care?

"Through our national campaigns, Collaboratives, and convening conferences to share best practices across our network of the most innovative medical groups and integrated health delivery systems, AMGA Foundation is laser focused on changing the trajectory of the nation’s most devastating chronic conditions and improving the value of health care for millions of patients."

— John W. Kennedy, M.D.
Chief Medical Officer, AMGA
President, AMGA Foundation

The largest challenge to creating a healthier America is the devastation to public health caused by chronic conditions like hypertension, cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes, obesity, and more. AMGA Foundation knows the way forward. We are ready to drive a new vision of health care in America through our:

- **Reach:** AMGA’s membership includes 440 medical groups and 175,000 physicians, which means 1 out of 3 Americans receives care from a member.
- **Credibility:** AMGA member groups are recognized innovators of healthcare excellence and pioneers of value-driven models of care.
- **Impact:** AMGA Foundation’s Best Practices Learning Collaboratives and national campaigns have already engaged 26 million patients.
Vision 2025: 100 Million Healthier Americans by 2025

Together with our members, we have the expertise, bandwidth, resources, and proven best practices to create a healthier America. We’ll achieve our bold goal of 100 million healthier Americans by 2025 by:

- Advancing best practices for chronic conditions through AMGA Foundation’s current programs and collaborations with members
- Developing community pathways and partnerships to address the root causes of chronic conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes
- Engaging patients and families in the prevention and management of chronic disease
- Innovating new care models and synergies, incorporating the latest priorities, technologies, and thinking to further accelerate our progress

For more information on Vision 2025 and how you can join us in creating a healthier America, please contact Sherry Greenwood at sgreenwood@amga.org or 703.842.0770, or go to amga.org/healthierAmerica.

“Our patients deserve medical groups and health systems across the nation thoughtfully working together for care improvement in hypertension and other health issues. AMGA Foundation’s work has never been more urgently needed by our country and our organizations.”

— Don L. Wreden, M.D.
Senior Vice President for Patient Experience,
Sutter Health
The Foundation Star award is cherished by Henry Ford Medical Group. It reminds us of the patients we serve and the dedication of our staff toward improving the health of these patients.

AMGA Foundation has made all of this possible!

— Thomas Nantais, M.B.A., Former Chief Operating Officer, Henry Ford Medical Group, Executive Vice President for Adult Ambulatory Operations, VUMC, Vanderbilt Medical Group

Meet Our Foundation Stars!

AMGA Foundation Stars are honored for their commitment to healthcare quality as demonstrated by their participation in and extraordinary support of AMGA Foundation’s quality programs. Thanks to these outstanding medical groups and health systems:

- Advocate Medical Group
- AHS Oklahoma Physician Group
- Aurora Health Care Medical Group
- Ballard Health
- Billings Clinic
- Carle Physician Group
- Cleveland Clinic
- Coastal Carolina Health Care
- Crystal Run Healthcare
- Geisinger
- Hattiesburg Clinic
- HealthPartners Care Group
- Henry Ford Medical Group
- Intermountain Medical Group
- The Iowa Clinic, P.C.
- Kelsey-Seybold Clinic
- Lexington Clinic
- Mercy
- Mercy Clinic – East Communities
- Mercy Medical Group (CA)
- Northwell Health
- Norton Medical Group
- Novant Medical Group
- Ochsner Health System
- Olmsted Medical Center
- PinnacleHealth Medical Group
- Premier Medical Associates, P.C.
- Prevea Health
- PriMed Physicians
- Quincy Medical Group
- Riverside Medical Group
- Sharp Rees-Steele Medical Group, Inc.
- Summit Medical Group, P.A.
- Sutter Medical Foundation
- SwedishAmerican Health System
- UnityPoint Clinic
- UPMC Susquehanna Health Medical Group
- USMD Health System
- Valley Medical Group
- Wake Forest Baptist Health
- Watson Clinic
- Westmed Medical Group, P.C.
- Wilmington Health
Mission:
AMGA Foundation enables medical groups and other organized systems of care to consistently improve health and health care.

Vision:
AMGA Foundation serves as a catalyst, connector, and collaborator for translating the evidence of what works best in improving health and health care in everyday practice.