

American Medical Women's Association Statement on Public Health Leadership

As physicians and future physicians across all specialties, the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) advocates for the protection of our patients, public health, and access to healthcare. We emphasize the importance of appointing highly qualified leaders to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and other key governmental healthcare offices to ensure the best health outcomes for our communities.

Pandemic preparedness and a strong response to emerging diseases are critical to protecting public health, communities, and the economy. AMWA aligns with other medical organizations in highlighting the importance of policymakers and government officials who recognize the value of vaccines, evidence-based medicine, and a resilient public health infrastructure.

AMWA and its members have long advocated for improvements in healthcare, specifically women's health. Vaccines play a vital role in the health of our communities. Since the introduction of vaccines and routine immunization, The American public has been afforded protection from preventable disease, disability and death. A vaccine against the human papillomavirus (HPV), for example, has led to a significant reduction in cervical cancer. The cost-effectiveness of vaccinations cannot be overstated. Access to vaccines is essential to protect the health of our patients and communities.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) plays a vital role in safeguarding the health and well-being of the people of the United States. To fulfill this mission effectively, it is essential that these agencies are led by qualified, science-driven professionals who prioritize evidence-based medicine and are committed to ensuring accurate and reliable health information.

Public health is a fundamental priority that transcends political affiliations. The mission of HHS, as reflected in its motto—"improving the health, safety, and well-being of America"—underscores the importance of advancing the nation's health through science and evidence-based practices. To uphold this mission, it is essential to have leadership that is committed to supporting scientific advancements that ensure the well-being of every person in this country.