

# BUILD RESIDENT POWER — JOIN COPE!



**Medicine is already political.** Our Committee on Political Education (COPE) allows resident physicians to have a voice and get involved so we can:

- ✓ Win strong contracts
- ✓ Influence local policy
- ✓ Advocate for the issues that are important to us and our patients.



COPE is our member-run committee that sets and implements the political priorities for the region, as well as oversees our Political Action Committee (PAC) to contribute to candidates, campaigns, and organizations that share our values.

## In **Illinois**, CIR residents & fellows:

- Became the first residents in the Midwest to unionize under CIR.
- Won the support of elected officials for the UIC union campaign as well as at UChicago and Northwestern
- Won our first union contract at UIC with major wins like an 18% raise over the first contract (6% in first year), reimbursements for licenses and certifications, and monthly meal stipends.
- Successfully championed the Healthcare Protection Act, signed by Gov. Pritzker, banning insurance companies from enforcing step therapy and prior authorization for inpatient mental healthcare.