

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 we and our patients care about



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 **New Jersey**, CIR residents and fellows have:

- worked with the NJ Governor and state legislators to pass the NJ State Budget with direct subsidies to hospitals for physician training, public health initiatives, & reproductive healthcare and training (2023)
- Worked with State officials and the Governor to put pressure on Rutgers to settle a fair contract (2023)
- Currently working with legislators to champion legislation to provide health insurance coverage on day one for all new employees, including resident physicians