

AMA to collect data on suicide among doctors-in-training

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(HealthDay)—By collecting data on suicides by medical students,

residents, and fellows, the American Medical Association hopes to identify ways to reduce suicides among doctors-in-training. The data collection policy was approved at a meeting yesterday.

"Studies have shown that physicians face a higher rate of suicide than any profession in the United States," AMA Board Member Ryan Ribeira, M.D., said in an association news release. "While we have been working hard to reduce burnout and increase access to [mental health services](#) for physicians and [medical students](#), it is imperative that we also work toward fully understanding the problem."

"We believe that collecting data on the incidence of suicide among physicians-in-training will help us identify the systemic factors that contribute to this problem, and ultimately save lives," Ribeira added.

As part of its efforts to reduce suicides among doctors, the AMA offers online modules meant to prevent burnout, increase resilience, and boost wellness.

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