Working as one to advance the wellness of all.

The membership of the Academic Consortium is comprised of nearly 80 academic health centers and health systems, predominantly concentrated in the United States but also from Canada, Mexico, Brazil, and Australia. Academic health centers and health systems are responsible for providing health care to millions of individuals and are an important part of the safety net in communities providing care to those who are medically underserved.

The Academic Consortium has a 20+ year history of growing our membership, advocating for systems change, supporting important scientific breakthroughs, and connecting key leaders to transform health care and promote health through clinical care, research, education, and policy innovations. The Academic Consortium also provides a collaborative, supportive community for our members to inspire innovation in their own programs through shared learning, energize each other, and celebrate shared successes.
WHAT WE’RE DOING

Fostering Community
for our robust community of volunteers from our member organizations who provide leadership and insight to various special projects, committees, special interest groups, and taskforces. We create opportunities for networking, communication, professional development, and community building in various areas of interest through a variety of means. This includes hosting in-person networking and educational events, maintaining a robust online community program for members to connect with one another, and convening Special Interest Groups, committees, and taskforces, where the collaboration of volunteers with expertise and interest in these shared topics influences clinical practice guidelines, education, policy, and clinical care best practices.

Advancing Science
for integrative medicine and whole health by hosting the largest annual international conference to support health care transformation with the necessary evidence base. Global Advances in Integrative Medicine and Health, the journal of the Academic Consortium, is an open access, peer-reviewed publication that promotes whole person health through evidence-based research and knowledge integration from multi-disciplinary therapeutic approaches and lifestyle practices.

Innovating in Education
by developing curriculum guidelines for medical education and competencies for fellowship training, acting as the recognizing body of integrative medicine fellowship programs across the nation on behalf of the American Board of Integrative Medicine (ABOIM), hosting monthly Grand Rounds webinars on innovative topics and creating leadership pathways for the next generation of integrative medicine leaders through the LEAPS program. Additionally, our Education Committee convenes experts from our membership to innovate in the integrative medicine education space.

Driving Policy
through actionable efforts such educating policymakers, conducting congressional briefings, developing policy statements, and creating white papers and targeted initiatives that support policy change. This includes the development of the white paper on Evidence Based Nonpharmacologic Strategies for Comprehensive Pain Care which was highly influential in driving policy changes that are transforming how pain care is delivered. Our Whole Health in The States (WHITS) initiative further works to increase access to non-pharmacologic pain care for underserved populations by connecting policymakers and practitioners and supporting state-level efforts.

Building Critical Partnerships
with top agencies such as NIH National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, Veterans Health Administration, American Board of Integrative Medicine, Cochrane Review, and numerous other health related organizations and integrative medicine partners. The Academic Consortium has an extensive history of collaborating with thought leaders and impact partners to create lasting legacies and drive tangible transformation. Our organization was launched with the critical support of such partners through the Bravewell Collaborative 24 years ago, and continues to enjoy meaningful relationships today with the George Family Foundation and the David and Lura Lovell Foundation, as well as others such as the Bernard Osher Foundation, Samueli Foundation and the Weil Foundation.

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MEMBER BENEFITS

For integrative medicine professionals and students at academic health centers and health systems, ACIMH is the world’s most comprehensive community for advancing the practice of whole health, with leading expertise in research, clinical care, and education.

| Approx. 80 member institutions in 5 countries | 19 Special Interest Groups | Supporting our membership with a team of 6 full-time staff |

COMMUNITY

In-Person Networking Events
the opportunity to connect with peers and colleagues from around the world who share your vision

Consortium Connect
an online community designed to connect members with colleagues no matter where they are in the world

Special Interest Groups
an online community targeted to your particular interests in this field - choose from more than a dozen focused topics

EDUCATION

Grand Rounds
monthly webinars on important whole health topics

International Congress
the premier in-person conference to share research on advances and emerging trends in integrative medicine

Fellowship Recognition
recognize integrative medicine fellowships from the American Board of Integrative Medicine (ABOIM)

PROGRAM AREAS

Policy and Advocacy
connecting policymakers with practitioners facilitating state-level efforts to increase access to nonpharmacologic pain therapies for underserved populations through our Whole Health in the States Initiative

Leadership Development
building and enhancing leadership skills for future leaders in integrative medicine through the LEAPS program, and individual and organizational mentorship programs

Consortium Connect

We hear it all the time from our members—one of the most important benefits of your membership with the Academic Consortium is the community. Building your network and forging new relationships is critical—and now, it’s even easier to maintain through our new online community platform.

Features include:

- Explore profiles of member institutions to learn about their programs, staff, and more
- Search for other members by areas of interest or expertise to help you connect in more efficient and meaningful ways
- Join Special Interest Groups to connect with other members with similar interests
- Explore a resource library with continuing education materials, information about the Consortium, and integrative medicine success stories
- Post a discussion thread to get input and insight from your colleagues from around the globe
Nearly 700 participants from 55 different US states and countries.

353 scientific abstracts were submitted, 82% of which were accepted.

75 oral presentations and over 170 poster presentations.

Top 2022 Congress Deliverables:

1. Network with attendees from other disciplines.
2. Become familiar with integrative health research, clinical care, education, or policy in different areas of the world.
3. Learn about various new research studies.

“I loved that you brought in policy makers and government leaders - such a great opportunity to open dialogue and help everyone lean a little more fully into one another’s world.”