



## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The National Physicians Alliance (NPA) creates research and education programs that promote active engagement of health care providers with their communities to achieve high quality, affordable health care for all. The NPA offers a professional home to physicians across medical specialties who share a commitment to professional integrity and health justice.

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- The NPA places the best interests of our patients above all others and avoids conflicts of interest and financial entanglements. The health of patients is the NPA's first concern. (Oath of Geneva)
- The NPA affirms the definition of health as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. (Constitution of the World Health Organization, 1948)
- The NPA believes health is determined by a wide variety of influences beyond biology, including familial, social, psychological, environmental, economic, political, legal, cultural and spiritual factors. Understanding and addressing these complex connections is a duty of the medical profession.
- The NPA recognizes that health and disease are not limited by national borders and advocates for national and international policies that support health promotion and disease prevention.
- The NPA advocates for a clean environment, a fundamental requirement for a healthy society.
- The NPA believes that the health care workforce must reflect the diversity of the population.
- The NPA believes every health professional must value and respect cultural diversity in order to provide sensitive and effective care to all patients.
- The NPA seeks collaborative and creative solutions with other health professionals and our local communities to protect and improve public health.
- The NPA believes that individual health is tied to the health of communities. Physicians have an important role in ensuring a strong and viable public health system.
- The NPA supports an approach to knowledge acquisition grounded in empirical research, evidence-based conclusions, professional peer review, and transparency of process.
- The NPA acknowledges and respects the long history of medical practice and tradition in all cultures and encourages research into these practices.