

# HCMS Women Physicians Section 2024 Candidate Profiles

## Chair Nominee

### Victoria C. Chang, M.D.

*Current Section Vice Chair*



## Vice Chair Nominee

### Katie Fung-Yip, M.D.

*Current Section Officer at Large*



## Officer at Large Nominees

### Linda Pang, M.D.



I am a geriatrician and palliative medicine physician asking for your support for the position of Officer at Large. I'm interested in organized medicine and the Women Physician Section as I strongly believe in female physicians working together to improve work culture for ourselves and healthcare for our patients. I have been lucky to work in environments where I have met strong female physician leaders and see the differences in organizational culture shifts when our voices are valued and heard. I hope to be of service in amplifying any of our united concerns, especially for improved patient care and access. Similar to some of you, I am also a mother to three children, so family-career integration has always been very important to me. I have seen changes to organizations with more flexible work options, improved leave policies, and a shift in recognizing the importance of policies to aid female physician career longevity. I would like to work with you and HCMS-WPS to continue building on this upward trajectory. While our professional experiences may be varied, we are all here with a common goal that I strongly believe in and hope to assist in carrying out: women physicians uplifting each other as we focus and amplify discussions important to our work and our patients.

### Alicia Kowalski, M.D.



As a native Houstonian and physician, I aspired to care for and serve the community that raised me. Throughout my career, I have evolved to a higher vision with execution of serving my fellow physicians across the nation for their career fulfillment. Currently as a professor of anesthesiology, I mark my 25<sup>th</sup> year as faculty at MD Anderson, and over the course of this academic career, I have attained further expertise and certification in Women's Leadership through Harvard, Chief Wellness Officer through Stanford, Physician Executive certification through AAPL, Coach Certification through Rice, and more. Serving as Officer at Large for HCMS Women Physicians Section would afford me the opportunity and privilege to serve and support fellow women physicians throughout HCMS' reach. I have a unique background and skill set that are valuable assets to this role, and I would be honored to serve in this

important position.

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## Officer at Large Nominees continued

### Jatinder Hothi, M.D.



This personal statement is to express my enthusiastic interest in the Officer at Large position as part of the HCMS Executive Council. During my appointment and beyond, I aspire to make meaningful contributions by applying my knowledge base and experiences to the empowerment of female physicians within our community.

Over the years, beyond establishing myself as a dedicated hospitalist, I strived to gain valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities within the medical field, which I aim to leverage by being a part of this organization.

During my time as a Nocturnist, I had the rewarding responsibility of training fresh graduate Nurse Practitioners. This refined my ability to motivate and guide them towards navigating through the complexities of patient care and fostered independent decision-making skills.

As a daytime hospitalist, my workflow involves collaborating with patients and family members, NPs, RNs, Case Managers, Social workers and preceding over multidisciplinary discharge rounds to help coordinate health care decisions regarding any discharge barriers. Responding to urgent medical situations has taught me to remain composed under pressure and to step into leadership roles when needed.

These experiences have enabled me to cultivate leadership skills, flexibility, patience and the ability to coordinate multifaceted initiatives. These skills will serve me well in the planning of meetings and events, supporting the Chair and Vice Chair in their efforts to create engaging and impactful experiences for our members.

As someone who recognizes this position as an opportunity to collaborate with like-minded health care professionals and offer mentorships to young female physicians, I am excited to serve and embrace the duties outlined for this position.

In closing, I am eager about the possibility of serving as an Officer at Large and working collaboratively to advance the cause of female physicians within our community. I am confident in my ability to contribute effectively to this vital role and to the overall mission of the HCMS and be a leading advocate for our member physicians, patients and community at large.