



**NAAMA**  
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National Arab American Medical Association

## **NAAMA 48<sup>th</sup> National Medical Convention**

September 5-6, 2026 | Houston, Texas

The National Arab American Medical Association (NAAMA) is a national organization committed to advancing the health of Arab American communities while supporting the professional growth of Arab American physicians and health professionals. Through advocacy, mentorship, scholarship, and community partnerships, NAAMA works to address health disparities, promote culturally responsive care, and strengthen the visibility of Arab American health in research and policy. The annual conference convenes clinicians, trainees, researchers, and community leaders from across the country to share knowledge, foster collaboration, and advance health equity.

The 2026 NAAMA National Convention, to be held over Labor Day weekend in Houston, Texas, will focus on **Arab American health** across clinical care, public health, research, policy, and community engagement.

### **The Literature & Art of Health**

For the first time, NAAMA invites literary and artistic contributions. While it would be ideal for the contributions to be aligned with the conference theme, this is not required. We welcome submissions from healthcare professionals, including those active in public health, and community partners. We particularly encourage submissions from students, residents, fellows, and early-career investigators.

How do you heal yourself? Whether outwardly, through clinical narrative experience, or inwardly through escape into the self beyond the healthcare cosmos—we are looking for your creative, artistic expression of the world that makes you or the world you make. The selected works will be exhibited and discussed in a panel, organized and modulated by Dr. Fady Joudah, physician and internationally recognized poet and author.

### **Submission Guidelines**

- **Photography or visual art:** Send up to three photographs or images of artwork.
- **Writer/Poet:** Up to three literary pieces (poetry, fiction, or nonfiction) that do not exceed 500 words each.
- **Language:** Written work in Arabic or English is eligible.
- Previously presented work is acceptable.

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**Important Dates**

- Submission Deadline: June 15, 2026
- Notification of Acceptance: July 1, 2026
- Convention Dates: September 5-6, 2026

**Awards:** Selected works will be eligible for awards.

**Why Submit?**

This convention provides a national platform to:

- Advance understanding of Arab American health.
- Highlight underrepresented data and disparities.
- Foster mentorship and collaboration.

**[Submit Your Artwork](#)**