



Dear Medical Students, Residents, and Fellows:

Careers are built, they don't just happen. Although most people don't start out with a well-articulated strategic plan when they leave medical school detailing all the steps necessary to achieve a successful career, it doesn't really happen without forethought. Each of you has been influenced by a role model or mentor at some point in your development so far. In a world where a career in medicine seems to have become a business venture, I would like to be someone who helps change your approach to the future.

As an individual who has spent a career as a physician, teacher and administrator, I would like to help insure that Academic Medicine is a critical component of a stable healthcare system. Physicians practicing in academic medical centers serve to bring expertise in care to cities, regions and states. At the same time, they work to encourage, develop and perform research that furthers the needs of the population in the future. With this "truth" in mind, I would like to encourage you to come to the Northeast Regional Academic Medicine Career Development Conference convening on September 28-29, 2018. In a series of Plenary sessions and workshops, I think this conference will help you think through your attributes and needs necessary for you to plan a career that might result in your becoming an academic physician. If nothing else it will help you plan a more successful career.

We must prepare to give care to a diverse population. To do so we must prepare a diverse healthcare workforce to satisfy the populations healthcare needs currently and in the future.

The Northeast Regional Academic Medicine Career Development Conference was developed to help medical students, residents, and fellows gain awareness of academic medicine as a career option. We would also like to encourage persons who are underrepresented in medicine to attend in order to explore their possible role in the changing healthcare system and resources that will serve underrepresented populations. The conference curriculum has implemented at 23 other medical schools and has been published as 10 distinct modules in AAMC MedEdPORTAL. A distinguished set of speakers from medical schools across the Northeast region will be sharing their inspirational stories and encouraging you to consider academic medicine careers (agenda attached). This is truly a unique opportunity.

Space is limited so please register at <http://bngap.org/academic-medicine-regional-conferences/regconfregistration-information/>

Gratefully,

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