Graduate Medical Education at Maine Medical Center

**Improved Patient Care through Graduate Medical Education**

The result of any program endeavor must be improved care and outcomes for our patients. The Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program at Maine Medical Center (MMC) is no exception. Studies regularly show that teaching hospitals such as ours rank highest in patient safety and overall outcomes. The result of our health care professionals working in an environment of teaching and learning is the most advanced health care delivery possible.

Maine Medical Center’s vibrant GME program currently supports 254 residents and fellows, also known as ‘house officers,’ in 12 residencies and 8 fellowships approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Each program is the responsibility of a program director and more than 600 highly qualified physicians serve as faculty. Residents benefit from the close personal and professional relationships that they develop with members of the attending staff.

Clinical practice at MMC is supported by an excellent nursing and allied health professional staff and a highly skilled ancillary staff. The learning experience is complemented by basic science seminars, daily teaching rounds, and a large number of clinical conferences in all specialties and subspecialties. Residents/Fellows regularly participate in continuing education offerings sponsored outside the hospital. Furthermore, the hospital supports attendance of each resident/fellow beyond the first year of training at a clinical conference sponsored by another institution in another city.

Today, more than ever, research is an essential activity at a teaching hospital. Where once it took decades for new knowledge to find its way to practical application at the bedside, now the interval is measured in years and sometimes only in months. Residents have numerous opportunities to pursue areas of interest through the Maine Medical Center Research Institute. And because research is an essential part of our focus, our physicians stay abreast of the latest treatment options, giving patients access to new protocols and technology.
Residency Programs at Maine Medical Center

Anesthesiology Residency

MMC’s Anesthesiology Residency program is made up of a highly interactive group of attendings and residents who work hard and are exceptional at what they do. Each year, five new residents are accepted into the program that supports a total of 20 from intern to third-year. This small number makes a tremendous impact on the volume of cases each resident takes the lead on, allowing them to hone their skills and build confidence early in their training.

Maine Medical Center is a regional leader for open-heart surgery, kidney transplantation, pediatric surgery, obstetrics, neurosurgery, and is a Level I Trauma Center. With over 50,000 surgeries performed each year at the main hospital and its satellite campuses, our residents are always involved in the most exciting, technical and educational cases. They also benefit from the teaching of attendings trained at the most renowned hospitals in the country, access to a new, state of the art simulation center and employment at a medical center that makes resident satisfaction a priority.

Emergency Medicine Residency

The mission of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Maine Medical Center is to provide the highest level of compassionate care to acutely sick or injured patients in our region and state, recruit and train the best physicians in our specialty, and produce high-quality clinical research to shape the future practice of Emergency Medicine (EM). Graduates from our program have succeeded in all aspects of EM. We have placed graduates in their choice of fellowship, academic position, or private practice opportunities throughout the country.

To date, approximately a third of our graduates have gone into academic practice, while two-thirds have chosen to go into private practice. Training (clinical, research, and administrative) at MMC is comprehensive, and will give the program graduate the skills to succeed in any practice area they choose.

The EM faculty at MMC has grown to more than 27 members, with subspecialty representation in Pediatric Emergency Medicine, Sports Medicine, Toxicology, EMS, Wilderness Medicine, Ultrasound, Emergency Geriatrics and Critical Care. While our faculty are all dedicated bedside teachers, and we are leading the way in high-fidelity simulation education in our institution and state-wide, many have earned a reputation for teaching at the national level, serving as faculty at numerous regional, national, and international meetings.

Additionally, members of our faculty are active nationally in leadership positions helping to define the future needs and direction of our specialty.

Family Medicine Residency

The MMC Family Medicine Residency is a strong academic residency program. The program is devoted to providing a superior educational experience for family medicine residents and students by promoting a scholarly environment and fostering a balance of personal and professional growth while providing comprehensive, high-quality health care to patients, families, and our community. We are committed to continuous quality improvement.

Eighteen faculty members, having a multitude of clinical interests and including behavioral health specialists, social workers, and a pharmacist on staff, train 21 residents over the program’s three years. Being both a tertiary care and community hospital, MMC offers an ideal patient case mix for resident education.

The education we provide our residents is exceptional. All graduates pass their board exam – in fact, family medicine graduates have a 100% board pass rate – and leave feeling highly competent in the specialty of family medicine.

The program includes opportunities for overseas education. Residents can spend elective time on medical trips abroad. Previous residents have gone to places such as the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Vietnam. Our program sponsors an ongoing global health interest group, mediated by Dr. Deb Rothenberg, who holds a PhD in cultural anthropology. Portland is home to immigrants and refugees from all over the globe so there is a robust international presence and ongoing cultural education in our clinics.

The program also offers high-quality postgraduate opportunities through our Sports Medicine fellowship, Integrative Medicine Fellowship, Geriatrics Fellowship, and 4th Year Chief Resident position.

Internal Medicine Residency

The MMC Internal Medicine Residency Program’s mission is to produce outstanding internists who have the knowledge and skills to succeed in a wide variety of careers within general internal medicine or medical subspecialties, are life-long learners, display the highest level of professionalism, deliver patient-centered care, and thrive in a team approach to care in an ever-changing health care system.

The curriculum is constructed with flexibility for the individual resident to pursue their specific areas of interest through generous elective time, our research and scholarly activity program, and a mentoring system. Clinical experiences extend beyond Maine Medical Center to the VA Maine Healthcare System, primary care and subspecialty practices in the
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population in Portland, and through

experiences in multiple delivery systems,

including both community and tertiary

care hospitals, hospital-owned and

private practice outpatient clinics, and

the VA system.

The clinical experiences are augmented

by our wide variety of didactic

conferences. Each conference is

planned with specific goals and

objectives bringing together our

residents and medical students with

enthusiastic teachers to cover core

concepts in internal medicine. We

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curriculum offering residents a safe

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and translational research, and quality

improvement research.

**INTERNAL MEDICINE – PEDIATRICS RESIDENCY**

Maine Medical Center offers a

combined Internal Medicine-Pediatric Residency Program. The combined

residency received approval from the American Board of Internal Medicine

and the American Board of Pediatrics in November of 1999, received initial

ACGME accreditation in 2007, and re-accreditation in September 2012 for

ea ten-year cycle. We offer a four-year program combining two outstanding

departments. The program provides optimal, comprehensive training to

prepare internist-pediatricians for a

broad array of career options including

primary care, subspecialty fellowships,

research, hospitalist medicine, and

academic medicine.

The Maine Medical Center setting

fosters professional training in an

atmosphere in which we treat patients,

families, and fellow healthcare workers

with respect. We serve a large and

diverse patient population, including

a large immigrant community due
to Portland’s refugee resettlement

resources. We take pride in the high

caliber of teaching that effectively

balances resident supervision and

independent decision-making in all

clinical venues. The size and structure

of our program provides ideal resident

involvement as well as flexibility in

achieving individual resident training goals.

**OB/GYN RESIDENCY**

The OB/GYN residency program

at MMC seeks to train competent

physicians/surgeons who are

compassionate patient care providers,

life-long learners and teachers, and

healthy contributing members of

their communities. In 2010, the

program earned a coveted five year

accreditation cycle and was awarded two

commendations from the Residency

Review Committee for OB/GYN.

Clinical experience is provided

in the broad range of obstetrics and

gynecology as defined by the

American Board of Obstetrics and

Gynecology. Residents enjoy a close

working relationship with experienced

obstetrician/surgeons in private practice.

The program trains 16 residents each

year. In addition to receiving a broad

and intense clinical experience, residents

are supported in completing a research

project during their residency, as well

as a quality improvement project. Our

graduates have chosen a wide array of

opportunities after residency: private

practice, National Health Care practice,

international practice, fellowships

(GYN oncology, maternal fetal

medicine, reproductive endocrinology,

urogynecology, family planning) and

academic medicine.

**Medical Simulation**

Graduate Medical Education is strongly enhanced by Maine Medical Center’s

clinical simulation program. The Hannaford Center for Safety, Innovation and

Simulation is a state-of-the-art training center that utilizes the latest in human

medical simulator technology to take medical education to the highest level

possible. The work that goes on in this Center and the learning that is achieved

ultimately has an impact on the quality of care and patient safety that we

provide to those who choose Maine Medical Center for treatment.

This unique facility offers high-tech and realistic simulation, allowing medical

students, residents, and current medical staff to learn new techniques and

enhance their skills through repeated practice and review. Types of simulated

experiences include a dedicated skills lab, fully outfitted team-training

inpatient simulators, and standardized patient settings. The Center offers the

opportunity for significant skill mastery while greatly reducing patient risk.

**Pediatrics Residency**

As the only tertiary care facility for

children in Maine, our Pediatric

Residency Training Program at The

Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital

at Maine Medical Center offers a

comprehensive training program in

pediatrics that is designed to provide an

excellent foundation in general pediatrics

to prepare our resident graduates to

practice general pediatrics or to enter

the fellowship of their choice. Our

patient population encompasses the local
southern Maine community as well as children throughout the state of Maine and parts of southern and eastern New Hampshire, and includes diverse ethnic groups and multiple socioeconomic backgrounds.

Our program balances primary care, inpatient and outpatient training with critical care and subspecialty experiences. We strongly believe in preventive care and the importance of child advocacy and emphasize these beliefs throughout our training program. Residents are exposed to an outstanding and dedicated faculty with a strong commitment to excellence in patient care and teaching. Whether it is at our state-of-the-art inpatient unit, onsite pediatric clinic, our simulation center, or in one of our community and rural affiliated practices, residents experience pediatrics side by side with our attending faculty, and have ample opportunity to take ownership of the healthcare of their patients as they learn pediatrics. Diverse rotation offerings including Chronic Care Management, Rural and Community Pediatrics, Research, Inpatient or Neonatal hospitalist electives, Global Health Overseas, or Local Immersion experiences, and unique rotations such as Neonatal hospitalist electives, Global Pediatrics, Research, Inpatient or Management, Rural and Community offerings including Chronic Care practices, residents benefit from close relationships with our attending faculty, and have ample opportunity to take ownership of the healthcare of their patients as they learn pediatrics. Diverse rotation offerings including Chronic Care Management, Rural and Community Pediatrics, Research, Inpatient or Neonatal hospitalist electives, Global Health Overseas, or Local Immersion experiences, and unique rotations such as Neonatal Neurology or simulation based training months, will meet the needs of our learners as they plan their future career interests.

PSYCHIATRY RESIDENCY
The General Psychiatry Residency at Maine Medical Center is certified by the ACGME for four years of postgraduate training. We are part of a system of care that is delivered not only at Maine Medical Center but also at Spring Harbor Hospital, a new state-of-the-art 100-bed psychiatric hospital 4.5 miles from MMC. We are very interested in furthering the practice of psychiatry within New England—particularly in Maine. In addition to child psychiatry residency training that is solidly integrated into the hospital setting, we offer special options for rural psychiatry rotations while offering community-based training experiences in Portland. We are proud of our program and take great pleasure in the success of our graduating residents.

We believe it is the goal of the psychiatrist to understand not only the patient’s illness but the much larger context of the patient’s life. This necessitates an appreciation of biological, psychological, and social factors and an interest in the patient’s life story. We embrace and teach current advances in neuroscience, and we assert that learning psychotherapy is vital to residency training. We are committed to teaching residents to thrive in the evolving medical climate, and to respond to community needs. At the same time we are dedicated to maintaining our identity as medicine’s most humanistic specialty.

RADIOLoGY RESIDENCY
The Department of Radiology at Maine Medical Center has a tradition of excellence in residency training. Our program is highly resident-oriented, with strong clinical experience combined with two teaching conferences for radiology residents per day, the majority of which are given by our experienced faculty. The 16 radiology residents interact with 35 diagnostic radiologists with subspecialty expertise including angio/ interventional, neuroradiology (CT, MR, myelography), nuclear medicine, abdominal imaging (CT, ultrasound), mammography, GI, GU, chest, musculoskeletal and pediatric radiology and 7 radiation oncologists.

The radiology department performs over 170,000 exams per year, which includes about 25,000 CT scans, 17,000 ultrasound studies including vascular/ interventional studies and 10,000 MRI exams. There are no fellows in our department, which means that the residents are intimately involved with all procedures, and the clinical teaching is one-on-one with a faculty member. Our program is small enough that the residents benefit from close relationships with the faculty.

SURGERY RESIDENCY
Our Surgical Residency Program provides a comprehensive learning experience to prepare our residents for practice in general surgery or further subspecialty training. We provide a scholarly environment that integrates the science of medicine with clinical practice. Our size allows us to know our residents on a personal basis and encourages our faculty to accommodate individual needs and learning styles. We prepare individuals to understand the ethical responsibilities of patient care and foster the process that allows them to be teachers and independent thinkers throughout their careers.

Of the six annual surgical residency appointments, four are for candidates wishing to complete a five year general surgical program, one is a designated preliminary position for urology, and one is a designated preliminary position for vascular surgery. The program is non pyramidal with annual reappointment based on demonstrated competency and professional maturation as judged by the staff.

The residency covers the following major services: Acute Care Surgery; Colorectal, Bariatric, Advanced...
Laparoscopic and Endoscopic Surgery; Surgical Critical Care; Surgical Oncology and Endocrinology; Trauma Surgery; Vascular and Transplant Surgery; Pediatric Surgery. There is also a long tradition of supporting experiences in International Surgery. Currently residents are able to take some of their elective time to work overseas with different surgeons from Maine Medical Center in Haiti, Africa, and other places.

**Urology Residency**
The focus of the Residency Program in Urology is clinically oriented with a strong foundation in all aspects of urology as well as quality and clinical outcomes research. After one year of general surgery, the four clinical years are structured to provide the resident with didactic teaching sessions in the pathophysiology of urologic disease processes, a gradual increase in clinical decision-making and responsibility, and progressive teaching of all technical skills required to be a complete urologic surgeon.

The philosophical framework surrounding the residency is to foster an environment of inquisitiveness and study recognizing that urology is a surgical subspecialty with a strong tradition of innovation and technological advancement. The relationship between attending surgeons and residents is one of mentoring, rather than traditionally hierarchical, and the working environment is team-oriented. This includes daily attending participation, clinical teaching rounds and a spirit of broad openness and discussions of how to best provide patient care and how to advance the delivery of urologic care.

**Vascular Surgery Residency**
Maine Medical Center is pleased to announce the initial ACGME accreditation for a five-year vascular surgery integrated residency program, beginning July 2015. The integrated vascular surgery residency program at MMC is designed to provide graduated, incremental training in both vascular and core general surgery throughout the course of the program. The integrated vascular residency program is designed to enable eligibility for certification in vascular surgery by the American Board of Surgery.

The mission and aim of the program is to provide comprehensive training, knowledge and skills needed for independent practice of vascular surgery; including the assessment and management of patients with vascular disease, use of the vascular laboratory, critical care, open surgery, and endovascular procedures. The focus is clinically oriented with a strong foundation in all aspects of open vascular surgery, endovascular surgery, and core general surgery principles.

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**Fellowship Programs at Maine Medical Center**

**Cardiology**
Maine Medical Center supports two cardiology fellowship positions in each of three years of training. Candidates must have successfully completed three years of training in internal medicine in an ACGME approved residency program and be board eligible in internal medicine.

Our goal is to train superbly competent clinical cardiologists, who because of the breadth and depth of their training have maximum flexibility to practice in any setting - group, salaried practice, and hospital or academic institution. Our Fellows have gone on to positions of their choice throughout the country, including subspecialty training in angioplasty and electrophysiology. Effective communication skills, including the ability to work with and relate effectively to others, are extremely important.

**Child and Adolescent Psychiatry**
The Division of Child Psychiatry provides three primary services. The first service consists of outpatient evaluations, consultation, and treatment to all children in the catchment area. The second service consists of inpatient treatment provided through the Adolescent units, the School-age unit and the Developmental Disabilities unit at the affiliated hospital, Spring Harbor Hospital (SHH), which has 40 child and adolescent beds. The third service offers consultations to The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital at Maine Medical Center and to community-based agencies such as residential and day treatment centers for emotionally disturbed youngsters, public schools, and the Department of Human services.

The Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (CAP) Fellowship Program has a training affiliation with Tufts University School of Medicine, participates in the annual Glickman Symposium, and has a robust relationship with the Pediatric and Medicine-Pediatric residency programs at Maine Medical Center.

**Geriatrics**
The one-year Geriatric Fellowship is intended for graduates of accredited programs in either Internal Medicine or Family Practice.

In addition to the traditional outpatient clinics, nursing homes and
assisted living centers. The Maine Medical Center Geriatric Fellowship includes clinical rotations in an acute rehabilitation facility, in both outpatient and inpatient geriatric psychiatry and in geriatric neurology. The Fellowship year also includes 2 elective months in which the fellow has an opportunity to focus on specific areas of interest, including geriatric cardiology, pulmonary medicine, research, geriatric emergency medicine and intensive care.

Another distinctive feature of the Geriatric Fellowship is its association with The Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE) at Maine Medical Center. As the health services research arm of the Maine Medical Center Research Institute, much of CORE’s work has been related to geriatrics. CORE researchers have used the Medicare database to understand geographic variations in care and to specifically explore treatment for cardiac conditions. The research director for geriatrics is also the associate director at CORE.

Hospice and Palliative Medicine
Our accredited one-year program includes the following Hospice and Palliative Care training opportunities; acute hospital care, inpatient consultation service, as well as an outpatient clinic. Additionally, we have partnered with the Maine VA in Togus for a portion of our training program. This enables our Fellows to work in a multi-level facility, which includes not only the VA Hospital, but a dedicated Palliative Care/Hospice wing, as well as Long Term Care unit. The Fellowship also includes a block with Home Hospice Care organizations. We offer an elective block, which enables the Fellow more focused time to study in an area of professional interest or medical research.

Infectious Disease
The division of infectious diseases is staffed by five board-certified infectious disease specialists and two board certified pediatric infectious diseases specialists, each with particular clinical or research interests. The division is closely allied with the microbiology laboratory and the hospital pharmacy. The fellows enjoy a close working relationship with this faculty in a supportive environment.

A multidisciplinary team of physicians from the division with support of a nurse practitioner, social workers, dietician, and clerical staff provides HIV consultations and hepatitis C treatment programs, based in its own facility.

Division facilities include an infection control / epidemiology office complex, clinical facilities, the molecular biology and vector-born disease laboratories at MMCRI, and a private office complex. Fellows may rotate through the state-supported STD clinic, the tuberculosis clinic, and an international clinic, which cares for a number of immigrants and refugees. The director of the international clinic and a member of the division of infectious diseases have a special interest in tropical medicine.

Nephrology
Our residency and fellowship program in Nephrology offers residents the opportunity to learn about every aspect of kidney care and includes: inpatient end stage renal disease, nephrology consult, transplantation, outpatient dialysis, and renal pathology.

Additional aspects of the program include:

• Togus Veterans Administration Medical Center
  For one month each year, each fellow rotates to the nephrology service at the Togus VAMC in Augusta, Maine. The experience blends nephrology experience in ambulatory clinic, inpatient consultation, and outpatient dialysis. The experience exposes the fellow to an additional patient population, and an alternative system of practice in nephrology.

• Continuity Clinic
  Throughout both years of training, the fellow attends a renal outpatient clinic at Maine Nephrology Associates, PA, the private offices of the nephrology faculty. The office facility supports a group practice and includes nurse specialists in nephrology, with onsite phlebotomy and laboratory services. It provides excellent training in the management of an outpatient practice. Over the course of fellowship training, fellows have a general nephrology clinic for 1/2 day each week and additional renal transplantation clinics during the renal transplant service months.

• Research
  Fellows spend six months on a research project in the second year of fellowship, mentored by a faculty member. Fellows participate in in a short course on human subjects research conducted by
the Maine Medical Center Research Institute. Projects may be laboratory-based or clinical in nature.

**PULMONARY & CRITICAL CARE**
The Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine and the Department of Critical Care are staffed by fourteen full and part-time subspecialty faculty. In addition to being active clinicians, teaching faculty participate in the fellowship program, conduct research, and serve as teaching attendings for internal medicine residents and medical students. Each teaching attending has a faculty appointment from Tufts University.

Pulmonary & Critical Care fellows hone their skills in the context of the Pulmonary Function Laboratory, Maine Sleep Center, Tuberculosis Clinic, Adult Cystic Fibrosis Clinic, Cardiopulmonary Exercise Laboratory and Respiratory Therapy. The primary outpatient facility associated with the Pulmonary and Critical Care Division is located at Chest Medicine Associates, a training affiliate of Maine Medical Center. Each year, more than 500 flexible bronchoscopies, 3000 pulmonary function tests, 2100 sleep studies, and 100 cardiopulmonary exercise studies are performed. In addition, rigid bronchoscopy, transthoracic needle aspiration, thoracentesis, endobronchial ultrasound, chest thoracoscopy, and ultrasound guided thoracentesis are performed routinely.

**SPORTS MEDICINE**
The MMC Sports Medicine Fellowship is an ACGME accredited primary care sports medicine fellowship, open to graduates of accredited programs in family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine, and emergency medicine.

The MMC Sports Medicine Program is a division of the MMC Family Medicine Department, and the fellowship is a collaborative effort with Orthopaedic Associates of Portland, a multi-specialty orthopedic group. Teaching and consulting faculty are drawn from Maine Medical Center, Orthopaedic Associates of Portland, and experts in the community. MMC and the Portland community present a wide array of clinical, teaching, and research resources and opportunities. The fellowship consists of a 1 or 2 year (optional) track. The 2 year position provides an academic track allowing the fellow to refine their musculoskeletal skills while focusing on clinical research and program development. Primary clinical responsibilities are through the MMC Sports Medicine Clinic and Orthopaedic Associates of Portland. Training room, team, and sideline experiences are provided at several area colleges and universities, local and regional high schools and academies, and mass participation events.

The sports medicine fellows are heavily involved in the education of MMC primary care residents as well as Tufts University School of Medicine medical students. In addition, the fellows have ample opportunity to provide educational outreach in sports medicine to community audiences. Each fellow is expected to produce publishable work and actively participate in research efforts of the program. Involvement in the American College of Sports Medicine and American Medical Society for Sports Medicine is encouraged.

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**History of Medical Education at MMC**

Maine Medical Center (MMC) has a long, proud tradition of medical teaching, extending back to the founding of the hospital in 1874. The Maine General Hospital was the clinical facility for the Bowdoin Medical College in Portland, which produced many physicians for Maine until it closed its doors in 1921.

Medical education at the Medical Center began in 1874, when Drs. Erastus E. Holt and George W. Libby became the first “house pupils.” The internship remained the only postgraduate medical program through 1949, and trained 254 physicians. Residencies in surgery and medicine were developed in the late 1940s, anesthesiology and radiology residencies in the early 1950s, pediatrics in the early 1960s, psychiatry in 1969, obstetrics and gynecology in 1975, and emergency medicine in 1996. The Family Practice program evolved from the old program, called general practice, in response to the need for primary care physicians in Maine and the Graduate Medical Education (GME) program has continued to expand its residencies and fellowships. The most recent addition is the Vascular Surgery Residency that will begin training in 2015.

Thousands of physicians have been trained in these programs. Many now practice in Maine, thereby fulfilling one of the major goals of our education program.
INTO THE FUTURE: AN EVOLVING GME

Graduate Medical Education is evolving from a model focused primarily on individual physician excellence to one which also prepares physicians for a leadership role in complex health systems and encourages them to help reduce the burden of suffering and disease within their communities. This new curriculum seeks to embed the triple aim of patient safety, quality improvement and population health into our daily clinical practice and teaching.

As our faculty come together to consider the needs of a new generation of medical professionals, we are committed to serving the needs of our rural state, integrating patient-centered practices such as shared decision-making and interprofessional education, and test longitudinal, competency-based training models. The success of our Undergraduate Medical Education Program – the Maine Track MD Program – with its immersive Longitudinal Integrative Clerkship approach is just the sort of innovation we’re aiming for at the GME level. Even now, we are engaged in pilot projects meant to catalyze these new practices.

Undeniably, as payment systems change, philanthropy is essential to our ability to transform GME in ways that excel in addressing new standards of patient care. Private investments into medical education by members of our community have the power to build the future of healthcare. If you’d like to learn more, please contact the Development Department at (207) 662-2669 or curraj1@mmc.org and ask for John Curran.

MAINE MEDICAL CENTER - NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND’S PREMIER TEACHING HOSPITAL

Maine Medical Center is proud to be a teaching hospital, as it has been since its founding in 1874. The members of our medical staff-outstanding, dedicated physicians-take an active part in teaching our students and residents. Many of our physicians, in fact, were attracted to MMC because it provided an opportunity to participate in a teaching program.

The presence of medical students and residents generates a spirit of inquiry, energy, and excellence throughout the institution. Our teaching programs have been an integral part of our emergence as the major tertiary care center in Maine, as well as a leader of community hospitals.

Maine Medical Center is a place for medical students to enrich their knowledge and pursue their career. Our educational programs are complemented by Maine’s quality lifestyle, and our alumni can be found throughout the state.

Richard W. Petersen
President and Chief Executive Officer

Great Physicians are Lifelong Learners

Maine Medical Center is accredited by the Maine Medical Association to provide continuing medical education (CME) for physicians. MMC was last awarded Full Accreditation as an intrastate CME sponsor for 4 years on October 25, 2012.

Each year, MMC offers a large number and great variety of regularly scheduled conference series. A number of special programs – such as annual conferences, courses, or symposia – are also offered each year. These CME activities may be designed to:

- Transmit new, “state-of-the-art” information;
- Diffuse new technologies and advances;
- Discuss practice guidelines;
- Refresh and reinforce previous medical knowledge and skills;
- Provide a forum to exchange ethical, legal, and social ideas; or
- Discuss and evaluate research activities at the local as well as national level.

Further work is currently underway to launch an educational institute specific to GME faculty development. Outreach education to other institutions and agencies is also vital to the fulfillment of MMC’s mission.