DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL MEDICINE-GERIATRICS TEMPLATE

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The number of older adults in the US is increasing rapidly.

Figure 1: Number of Persons Age 65 and Over, 1900 to 2060 (numbers in millions)

2017 Profile of Older Americans, Administration for Community Living, Administration on Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2018
THERE IS A MISMATCH BETWEEN THE DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF GERIATRICIANS

First Year ACGME Residents and Fellows by Specialty, AAMC 2017
NOW WHAT?

Innovation!
The Directive

Work with key stakeholders to create a national medicine-geriatrics training template.
METHODS/FINDINGS

Reviewed available data from existing medicine-geriatrics programs and ACGME Program Requirements (identify training synergies).

Engaged important stakeholders
- American Geriatrics Society (AGS)
- Association of Directors Geriatric Academic Programs (ADGAP)
- ABIM
- ABFM
- ACGME
- Geriatrics Fellowship PDs
- Students, residents, geriatrics fellows
THE PROPOSAL

An integrated 48-month medicine-geriatrics curriculum with competency-based assessment that allows for increased training flexibility and potential pursuit of advanced skills and scholarship.
ASSESSMENT MEASURES

• Also integrated.

• Competency “handoff” between residency and fellowship.

• Creation of an individualized learning plans throughout training.
Early exposure and mentorship may capture and foster early interest in geriatrics.

Potential flexibility in fourth year will allow trainees to gain enhanced skills.

Increasing #s of med-ger programs may enhance geriatrics visibility throughout programs and institutions.

**HOW DOES THIS MEET OUR NEEDS?**

1. More fellowship trained geriatricians
2. Geriatricians that can reach a larger number of older adults
3. Non-geriatricians that are more capable in utilizing geriatric care principles
Residency and Fellowship training synergies and competency-based medical education allow for a learner-centered approach to increase training flexibility → leveraged to meet physician training, patient, and population needs.
This has been approved as an AIRE (Advancing Innovation in Residency Education) ACGME pilot program.

Three programs have been recruited to participate: MCW, Nebraska, Mount Sinai

Recruitment occurs this Fall of 2020 and first trainees will matriculate July 2021.
QUESTIONS / COMMENTS?