



# Clinical Faculty News

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*"Connection to UNECOM Medical Education to enhance the learning experience"*

## UNECOM Welcomes Bassett as CTC

**B**assett Healthcare joins UNECOM as a clinical training site. Students at this site will complete core clerkship rotations at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Utica, New York, and Bassett Healthcare, Cooperstown, New York.

Other UNECOM clinical training sites include UNECOM/Seton Hall University Clinical Training Center in Newark, New Jersey; Lehigh Valley Clinical Training Center and UNECOM CORE in Ohio.

UNECOM continues to seek additional clinical training sites to accommodate the expanded class size.

The newly developed community-based academic training centers offer didactic and clinical primary care-oriented curriculum for core rotations. Most of these sites offer comprehensive training for an eight-month block. This model offers an advantage of better coordination of the educational experience for students.

Other ventures to improve educational coordination are in the works. A pilot project at UNECOM/Seton Hall University introduces Intermed, a computerized system. This system will allow students to submit their site evaluations electronically to UNECOM's Clinical Affairs Office. Preceptors can also use the system to submit evaluations of students.

## Clerkship Caucus

The Fall Clinical Clerkship Caucus is scheduled for November 7, 1997, at UNECOM. The topic will be "The Campus-Based and Community-Based Curriculum: Building a Bridge."

The June Clinical Clerkship Caucus featured Sebastian Diaz, PhD, of Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. The workshop "Incorporating Evidence-Based Medicine Into Clerkship Education" focused on critical analysis of medical literature.

## Osteopathic Heritage to Fund Proposals

The Osteopathic Heritage Fund for Medical Research and Education seeks preliminary requests for funding proposals by October 3, 1997. This Fund, established in 1997, supports continuing education and research for osteopathic and allopathic physicians.

Funding will be granted for research and continuing education activities that meet the mutual needs of allopathic and osteopathic physicians. Potential research topics include osteopathic practice effectiveness and integration into the community.

A committee of representatives of Maine Medical Center and UNECOM will review proposals. Research and education activities with the highest impact and most feasible implementation are likely candidates for funding.

For information and guidelines, contact Stephen Shannon, DO, at UNECOM or Bob Bing-You at Maine Medical Center.



## UNE Explores MPH Program

UNE is investigating the development of a Masters of Public Health (MPH) Program. An MPH Feasibility Task Force, chaired by James Norton, PhD, is conducting a feasibility study for this potential program.

An Advisory Committee of Public Health officials has been appointed to provide information on potential students, faculty and resources, and employment opportunities. This process will facilitate integration with Maine's public health infrastructure.

UNE has filed an "Intent to Plan" with the Maine Higher Education Council. The results of the feasibility study will be submitted in Summer, 1998. Currently, no MPH degree programs exist in Maine.

Dean Stephen Shannon, DO, MPH, says, "There is both an interest and a need to develop an MPH program in Maine. UNE already has a core of health professionals and a commitment

to public health. This is an opportunity for UNE to collaborate with Maine's public health community."

## Mind/Body Medicine Conference

"Health and Healing: Mind/Body Medicine" is scheduled for November 7 in Portland and November 8 at UNECOM. UNECOM and Maine Medical Center co-sponsor this conference.

Larry Dossey, MD, author of *Healing Words*, is the keynote speaker. Workshops will be offered on alternative healing modalities.

Register at Continuing Ed. Office, 283-0171, ext. 2440.

## UNECOM Awarded Grant

UNECOM has received a three-year grant to provide an integrated behavioral and community health science foundation during the preclinical curriculum. Funding for the grant is provided by the Bureau of Health Professions, Department of Health and Human Services.

This grant support will help the Department of Family Medicine to develop, implement and evaluate the competency-based curriculum. The Curriculum Review Coordinating Committee has identified the competencies that future UNECOM graduates should achieve. Ten of the 17 competencies relate to the behavioral and community health sciences.

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