

The Don Hoskins Fellowship in Quality and Patient Safety

At Beth Israel Medical Center, NY, NY

This one-year fellowship, named in honor of Dr. Donald Hoskins, is a unique experience designed for a physician who has completed their clinical training.

How Does the Fellowship Work?

The Fellowship is designed to be a one-year independent experience for an ambitious physician who is looking to become experienced in hospital or physician management and develop particular skills in quality improvement, system design, patient safety, and overall development of physician leadership skills. The experience is designed to work one on one with senior managers of the Beth Israel system, particularly the Chief Medical Officer and Medical Director of Quality Management and Patient Safety. Fellows gain expertise and leadership skills through participating in the day to day management of the medical center gradually leading management projects in a supervised setting. Fellows also have the opportunity to supplement their experience with course work or seminars.

Who is the Best Fit for the Fellowship?

After years of running the Fellowship, we have found that best candidates are those who are self-motivated and work well independently. Fellows and candidates must be inquisitive, creative, and eager to learn. The Fellow must know how to work well with others, work in team settings, and communicate effectively.

What makes this Fellowship Unique?

While activities in Quality and Patient Safety are increasingly common, the Beth Israel experience is truly unique in several ways:

- The Beth Israel Fellowship is run and designed by National leaders in the field who created the first Physician Fellowship of this kind in the country. Over 10 years ago, this fellowship which originated at the University of Pennsylvania, has over 25 physician graduates. The longevity of this Fellowship has allowed for a truly remarkable experience for current graduates.
- The Fellowship is designed to be a “hands on” experience. The Fellow sits in Executive Administration and has the opportunity to participate in hospital management as other senior managers of the organization. The Fellow’s view into the hospital and its management offers an experience that few others get the opportunity to experience.
- The Fellowship gives the Fellow the opportunity to have independent experiences in order to translate their experience into future career opportunities.

What Do Fellows Do After they Graduate?

Fellows who have graduated have gone on to do a variety of activities. These include physician management positions (Chief Medical Officers, Directors of Quality, Patient Safety Officers) academic leadership positions, and other management positions in physician group practices, managed care organizations, and other business related ventures.

How do I Get More Information and Apply?

Applications and admission to the Fellowship are on a rolling basis. Since there is only one position available per year, we encourage early interest and an on-site interview. The application process is designed to be simple. Interested applicants should send a copy of their CV, two names of professional references who can be contacted, and a personal essay (between 1-2 pages) on why the applicant wants to pursue this opportunity. In addition, dates for an on-site interview should be sent. Interviews take place at Beth Israel in New York.

Also information should be sent electronically to:

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DBernard@chpnet.org (David B. Bernard, M.D.)

If you need to contact our office, please call (212)420-2140 for Helen Cedenó.

For additional information you may contact the current Don Hoskins Fellow, Michael J. Lipp, M.D., at mlipp@chpnet.org.