

First Steps

....to establishing yourself as an educator

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First Steps



- Initial steps to consider
 - Additional training
 - Local/national involvement in surgical education
 - Mentorship
 - Research

Pursuing additional training



- Master's/PhD Program
 - MACM, MHPE, MEd, etc.
- Research fellowship
 - SERF
- Educational Courses
 - ACS Surgeons as Educators, ASE Pre-meeting courses, Harvard Macy courses, etc.



Local/National Involvement



- Local involvement
 - Committees
 - Formal roles, especially reimbursed
- National involvement
 - Association for Surgical Education
 - Open committee structure
 - Association of Academic Surgery
 - Self nominate for committees

Mentorship/Research



- Mentorship
 - Think outside the surgery box
- Research
 - Global Surgery Education IRB
 - Study all the things



My story





Hats, past & present



- Surgery Clerkship Director* 2018 present
 - Assistant Surgery Clerkship Director 2017-2018
 - 4th Year Surgery Clerkship Director 2016-2018
- Assistant Chief of Surgery*, BVAMC 2018 present
- Director of Student & Resident Education in Surgery,
 BVAMC 2017 present
- Surgery Career Advisor 2016 present
- Associate Program Director for Simulation 2016-2017

A week in my life currently...



- Monday UAB OR
- Tuesday VA OR, PM class*
- Wednesday Admin 1/2/5, VA Robot 3/4
- Thursday VA AM clinic, PM Admin
- Friday UAB AM Clinic, PM Admin

How to make that happen



- Share vision with direct report, chair, etc.
- Have a plan
- Have a support group
- Seek funding
- Seek mentorship/sponsorship
- Ask for protected time
- Start immediately

How seeking funding helped me...



- Applied for local funding \$7500
- Invited to be on RIME committee
- Became co-chair
- Health Professions Academy Steering Committee
- Medical Education Committee
- Admissions Committee, Admissions Selection Committee