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