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The Center of Expertise Concept

The Centers of Expertise (COEs) are innovative educational opportunities that cross clinical specialties and complement training by providing residents and fellows with exposure to important areas of health care delivery. Centers of Expertise were designed as the vehicle for facilitating exploration and experience in key areas:

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The Centers of Expertise offerings

- Access to senior faculty for advice and mentoring
- Monthly presentations by Partners faculty addressing a breadth of topics
- Funding for conferences, travel and research
- Inventories of resources and funding opportunities in each COE content area
- Connection with a community of colleagues across specialties and at varying stages of their careers, with a shared interest and common purpose.
CoE Partnerships

Centers of Expertise reach across Partners and externally to create opportunities for residents and fellows.

The Global Health CoE has also partnered with Partners Harvard Medical International creating opportunities for trainees to work on consulting teams in global settings.

Partners Center for Connected Health included CoE participants in their annual symposium Driving Quality Up and Costs Down: New Technologies for an Era of Accountability. The Center for Connected Health leverages information technology to make healthcare more accessible.

Funded Opportunities

The Health Policy CoE awarded trainee attendance at the Commonwealth Commission on a High Performance Health System, a national policy planning venue, National Health Care IT Committee and Academy Health’s National Policy Meeting.

In Medical Education trainees have been offered funding to attend the ACGME annual meeting, the AAMC national conference and the NBME for Innovation Advisory Committee. In addition trainees were funded for original medical education research projects through the Center.

The Patient Care Quality and Safety CoE has developed relationships with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement and the National Patient Safety Congress to jointly support attendance of Partners trainees at their national annual meetings. Following the conferences the grantees meet with senior faculty to debrief and discuss the meeting content. The CoE also offers annual research grants for original research in Quality and Safety.

The Research Center has developed awards for trainees in the areas of basic investigation; translational research; clinical effectiveness research; and medical education research.

What trainees say about the Centers of Expertise

“The Centers of Expertise offer trainees unparalleled access to the extraoordinary faculty at Partners that we don’t typically run across in our day-to-day of clinical and academic activities.

The caliber of leadership accessible through Partners Centers of Expertise is inspiring – because of these sessions I have a vision of future career opportunities that previously hadn’t previously considered possible.”

- Brian Hurley, Psychiatry Resident (PGY 3), Policy Certificate participant

“Opportunities created by the Center of Expertise funding are career changing.”

- Aima Ahokari, Infectious Disease Fellow, IH Grant recipient

Realizing the remarkable resources across Partners and Harvard, the Centers of Expertise have built relationships that to enhance the opportunities offered. Each Center has built an invited Faculty panel who have made themselves available directly to trainees as lecturers and mentors.

In Academic Health Care Management CoE leadership has worked with Professor Michael Porter, Harvard Business School University Professor and the HBS Institute for Competitiveness and Strategy to create a six session intensive course on Value Based Healthcare delivery, exclusively for Partners residents and Fellows.

In the Health Policy CoE, funding from the Physicians’ Foundation supported a full year certificate program for 40 trainees. The program offered lecture and content, personalized mentorship, support in developing a longitudinal project and a legislative advocacy trip to Washington, D.C. Faculty were drawn from across the Harvard Community.

In Global Health the CoE has partnered with Global Health Delivery Online, a web-based community collaboration between global health implementers and organizations. Partners trainees are both participants and moderators in online community discussions.

Participation in Centers of Expertise

The Centers of Expertise are voluntary initiatives open to all residents and Fellows in Partners-affiliated training programs. Level of participation in based on interest and the program leadership welcomes ideas for new programs that will meet the needs of trainees. To learn more about the Centers or to be added to mailing lists that provide detail on upcoming activities contact:

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The CoE website www.Partners.org/CoE provides full faculty lists, a current program calendar and links to past programs, resource including lists of internal and external funding for research, conferences and travel, teaching and training opportunities and a trainee global travel planning check list, as well as details on all application processes offered through the Centers.