



## ANNOUNCEMENT OF FELLOWSHIP IN HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE 2009 – 2010

The Maine-Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency and the Togus Veterans' Administration Medical Center will offer a Hospice and Palliative Care Fellowship to begin in July, 2009. The goal of the fellowship is to provide specialized training for a qualified post-graduate level fellow in providing state of the art care for people at the end of life. The duration of the fellowship will be one year, with the possibility of extension to a second year in Geriatrics. The Hospice and Palliative Care Fellow will acquire skills in inpatient, outpatient and home care through agreements with Togus and local nursing home and skilled nursing facilities.

### **Curriculum Highlights:**

- The principles and practice of how palliative care addresses the physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs of patients and their families;
- Development of the major clinical skills inherent in hospice and palliative care, including prevention, assessment and management of suffering faced by patients with life-limiting conditions, and their families; and
- A commitment to an interdisciplinary team approach with a strong focus on the patient and family as a unit of care.

### **Interested candidates should possess the following qualifications:**

Board eligible/certified graduates of residencies in:

- Anesthesiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Internal Medicine
- Neurology
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Pediatrics
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Psychiatry
- Radiation oncology or
- Surgery.

Applicants must be eligible for an educational license in the State of Maine.

**To apply, please submit a resume and letter of interest to:**

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## **About Maine-Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency and Togus VAMC**

The Maine-Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency in Augusta, Maine, was founded in 1973, and has advocated for the value and relevance of the family doctor on the local and national stage ever since. Our initial goal was to train physicians in the full breadth of primary care to serve rural communities in Maine; now we feel confident that our graduates have both the clinical acumen as well as the independent learning skills to provide basic health care for all people anywhere in the country or around the world.

Togus VAMC is a 67-operating bed facility with general medical, surgical, intermediate and mental health beds, as well as a 100-bed Nursing Home consisting of 50 Skilled and Longer Stay beds, and a 50-bed Dementia Unit. The oldest veterans' facility in the country, having opened in the fall of 1866, Togus is located five miles east of Augusta, the state capital. Togus offers rotations in medicine, surgery and psychiatry and has faculty dedicated to hospice and palliative care. There is a very strong educational commitment to ensure that veterans' issues, such as post-traumatic stress, are addressed in the hospice and palliative care curriculum.

Life in Maine is truly unique – the pace is a bit slower and year round there are amazing outdoor opportunities. Augusta and Waterville are small towns nestled in a valley of peaceful lakes and rivers. Many of us live right on or near water – coming home from work in the summer is like being on vacation each night. Fishing, swimming, kayaking, and hiking as well as cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing can be daily activities.

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