

# CAREER OPTIONS AS A GENERAL INTERNIST: MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



- What is GIM?
- Why choose GIM?
- FAQ: Salary and compensation?
- Discussion, questions and answers



# CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

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# GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE PREPARATION

- Complete MD degree
- Residency: 3 years
- Pass Board Certification test



# GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE CLINICAL CAREER PATHWAYS

## No Fellowship Required

- Primary Care
- Hospital Medicine\*
- Perioperative Medicine
- Women's Health\*
- Preventive Care\*

## Fellowship Required

- Adolescent (2 years)
- Geriatrics (1 year)
- Hospice/Palliative (1 year)
- Sleep (1 year)
- Sports Medicine (1 year)

\*1 year fellowships available



# INTERNAL MEDICINE DUAL BOARDS

*Most are 5 years*

- Med/Anesthesia
- Med/Dermatology
- Med/Emergency Med
- Med/Genetics
- Med/Neurology
- Med/Pediatrics (4 yrs)
- Med/Psychiatry



# GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE OTHER CAREER PATHWAYS

- Medical Education\*
- Research\*
- Population Health
- Public Health
- Public Policy\*: Surgeon General!
- Practice or Hospital Leadership

\*1-3 year fellowships available



# GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE SALARY INFORMATION

- National average for GIM physician yearly salary: \$223,175<sup>1</sup>
  - Hospitalist average starting salary: \$200,000<sup>2</sup>
  - General internist average starting salary: \$180,000<sup>2</sup>
- Salaries vary by practice setting
  - Highest in private healthcare organization
  - Lowest in academic non-hospital, research, military, and government (not including benefits)
- Salaries vary by location
  - Desirability (urban vs. rural)
  - Region and cost of living



# GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE SALARY COMPARISON

Specialty	Average Compensation <sup>1</sup>
General internal medicine	\$223,175
General pediatrics	\$206,961
Family medicine	\$227,541
Infectious disease	\$205,570
Endocrine	\$217,610
Psychiatry	\$227,478
Combined medicine-pediatrics	\$205,610





# GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE ACADEMIC SALARIES

Academic Rank	Median salary based on AAMC Faculty Update for General Internal Medicine (January 2015) <sup>3</sup>
Assistant Professor	\$188,000
Associate Professor	\$202,000
Full Professor	\$242,000



# GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE LOAN REPAYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Average medical school loan debt: \$170,000
- Options for repayment:
  - Income based repayment (IBR)
    - 15% of your discretionary income
    - Remainder forgiven at 20 years if all payments made
  - Work in non-profit or underserved setting
    - Public service loan forgiveness (after 10 years in IBR)
    - Health professions shortage area – 2-3 year commitment
  - Research careers: NIH loan repayment program
    - \$70,000 paid over 2 years, can re-apply until loan repaid



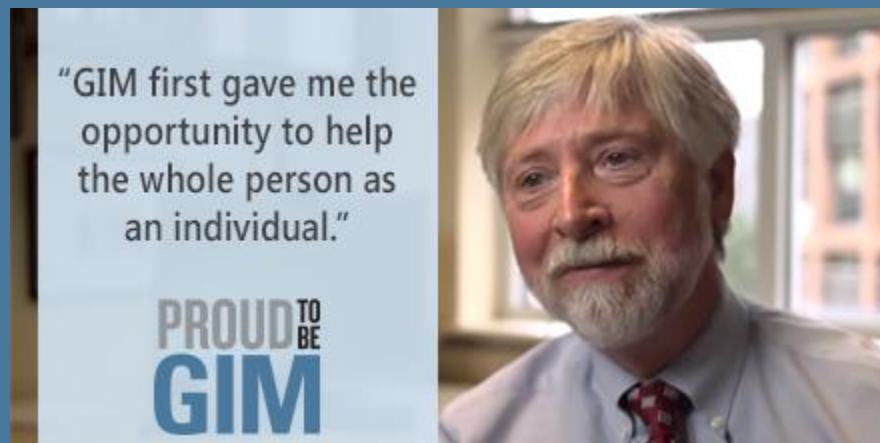
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QUESTIONS?

Thank you!