An innovative program training future leaders in medical education

Pathway Overview
The O’Connor-Stanford “Leaders in Education” Residency (OSLER) Pathway is a unique opportunity for family medicine residents at O’Connor Hospital to develop the many skills necessary to become leaders in medical education. By teaching alongside master clinician educators at Stanford School of Medicine, OSLER residents complete the basic elements of a full faculty development fellowship by the end of 3 years in residency. Graduates are poised to excel as academic clinician educators, efficient administrators, effective leaders, and successful change agents.

More Than The Ability to Teach Effectively
While residency offers an opportunity to learn many of the basics of effective teaching, additional training is needed to fully develop the skills required to thrive as a master clinician educator. The purpose of the OSLER Pathway is to create innovators, scholars, and leaders in medical education. In addition to promoting excellence in teaching, OSLER aims to develop residents who are able to:

- Possess the knowledge and skills needed to evaluate learners and programs and effectively design new curricular offerings.
- Translate educational theory and strategies to the health professions learning environment and add to the current body of knowledge.
- Master the skills required to investigate and disseminate major educational developments.

Curriculum and Timeline
Family medicine residents at O’Connor Hospital who wish to participate in the OSLER Pathway will apply for a position during their intern year. If accepted into the track, they will participate in a comprehensive longitudinal curriculum that will extend through the last 2 years of their residency.

Track Features
Dual Mentorship
Residents will be paired with two master clinician educators, one from O’Connor and another from Stanford’s Educators-4-CARE Program (http://med.stanford.edu/e4c), who will provide nurturing longitudinal guidance and support. Residents will teach Stanford medical students and also fellow residents alongside master educators, while cultivating and fostering the clinical and professional skills that promote respectful, compassionate, and empathetic patient care of the highest quality.
Small Group Sessions
During highly-interactive small group sessions, residents will explore and apply the key principles of medical education and practice teaching skills.

Observation and Videotaping of Teaching Sessions
To optimize teaching skills and also to facilitate self-reflection and peer and faculty feedback, residents will be directly observed and many of their teaching sessions will be videotaped.

Educational Scholarly Project
To enhance skills as an educational researcher, residents will have the opportunity to work with mentors to create and implement an educational scholarly project.

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### Curriculum

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**Longitudinal Educational Curriculum**
Highly-interactive small group sessions will focus on advanced educational and leadership topics and emphasize application of core principles of medical education. Some of these topics include:

- Educational contracts
- Adult learning
- Best clinical teaching practices
- Writing evaluations and letters of reference
- Curricular development
- Feedback
- Lecturing
- Precepting
- Ambulatory teaching
- Small group discussions
- Bedside teaching
- Teaching procedure skills
- Self-reflection
- Negotiation skills
- Peer observation
- Using literature and humanities in teaching
- Advanced feedback - the “problematic learner”
- Financing in medical education
- Time management
- “Stanford 25” - fundamental physical exam skills

**Summary**
The O’Connor-Stanford “Leaders in Education” Residency (OSLER) Pathway is a unique opportunity for family medicine residents at O’Connor Hospital to develop the many skills necessary to become master clinician educators, efficient administrators, effective leaders, and optimal change agents. In addition to developing a new generation of leaders in medical education, a major goal of OSLER is to immediately enhance the teaching of Stanford medical students through greater participation of O’Connor residents and faculty. Furthermore, the OSLER Pathway signals a major collaboration between the faculties at O’Connor and Stanford - a bold step forward that hopes to strengthen our bonds and ignite future partnerships in innovative medical education.

**Certificate**
Upon graduation from the Pathway, OSLER scholars will receive a formal certificate of completion.

**Funding**
By tapping into existing opportunities at Stanford, the OSLER Pathway was designed to be virtually cost-neutral. Required funding will be obtained via federal Medical Education and Training grants.

**Future Directions**
Elements of the OSLER Pathway may be integrated into any Stanford residency program that seeks to create a rigorous clinician educator track.

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