

From: LCOM Office of the Dean

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Subject: On Behalf of Dean Page and Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education Zehle. - Clinical Site Changes

Dear Larner Community:

We are writing to provide an update on our clinical education sites outside of our Burlington campus.

Connecticut: As most of you know, our sites in Danbury and Norwalk, in partnership with Nuvance, represent an LCME-designated branch campus. The number of students, and the duration of their rotations, both increased in recent years, with 22 students committed to spending their entire clerkship experience in Connecticut this year and 35 students in the class of 2023 accepted to the CT campus for their clinical curriculum.

Florida: Over the last decade we have been fortunate to have students placed at Saint Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach. This site complements strengths at other parts of our campus and provides a diversity in patient care experience that is valuable to those students who rotate through the program. On the basis of the current COVID-19 pandemic, and limitations in travel, as well as recent surges in cases specifically in Florida, education leaders at Saint Mary's, and here in Burlington, have agreed that we will suspend clinical rotations for this year. We do look forward to continuing a relationship in placing students in West Palm Beach again in the near future.

New York Longitudinal Integrated Curriculum (LIC): Starting in 2017, we began a phased introduction of an LIC at the Hudson Headwaters Health Network (HHN) centered in Glens Falls. This has provided an outstanding experience for four medical students per year for three annual cohorts, with the current class schedule to start in September. This program has experienced challenges in terms of reaching the number of students that make it practical to continue, as well as in providing a full spectrum of inpatient experiences (especially with a change in management of the Glens Falls Hospital). As such, we are discontinuing the LIC after completion of this current year. We remain close clinical and educational partners with HHN and look forward to developing further opportunities for clinical education experiences, especially in primary care, in the months and years to come.

Vermont LIC at Central Vermont Medical Center (CVMC): The LIC at CVMC, initiated in 2019, is educating its second cohort of four students. We hope for this to grow, and be a model for development of other LICs within our Network.

We are excited and fortunate to have options to provide clinical education sites to meet our students' needs, even as we make adjustments and explore new opportunities to provide a diverse array of options for our students.

As always, thank you to everyone who is engaged in our mission of education, along with research and clinical service.

Sincerely,

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