



AAIM Residency Research Pathway Directors Summit March 22 – 23, 2017 Baltimore, MD

Background

The physician-scientist plays a vital role in advancing medicine through the conduct of biomedical research. With doctorate degrees in medicine and science, the physician-scientist invests significant professional effort in scientific research and less time in direct clinical practice compared to other physicians. Training of the physician-scientist continues to be a challenge for medical schools and even more, the retention of graduates within this career path. The existence of approximately 140 programs indicates an excellent step in the continuum of physician-scientist training. There remains however, considerable variability among programs and therefore the need for shared best practices of successful programs.

ABIM has established policies and requirements for integrated training in research and clinical medicine, but there are no guidelines for structuring the programs to ensure success of graduates. The aim of the summit is to develop best practices in a number of key areas related to organization of these programs. [Learn More](#)

In November 2015, AAIM hosted the Third Consensus Conference on the Physician-Investigator Workforce. The conference, partially funded by the National Institutes of Health, was held in response to heightened concerns about the diminishing number of U.S. physicians who are actively engaged in biomedical research, due to reduced numbers of research-trained physicians entering the biomedical workforce. The Summit was a major “action plan” arising from the conference and was a forum for directors of accredited training programs to share curriculum, programmatic outcomes, and operational practices that best promote the engagement and future success of their graduates.

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