

BUSH FOUNDATION AWARDS 2007 MEDICAL FELLOWSHIPS TO 12 PHYSICIANS FOCUSED ON IMPROVING THEIR COMMUNITIES

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Saint Paul, Minn. (May 22, 2007)—The Bush Foundation named 12 physicians from Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota as Bush Medical Fellows in May. These physicians will use their fellowships to improve health care in their communities. Several of the new fellows represent a range of clinical interests related to children's health, including the treatment of chronic diseases, childhood obesity, and children with sickle cell anemia. Other fellows will focus on health care business and management, spiritual healing and the symptoms of menopause in both men and women. While the majority of the new fellows are from the Twin Cities metropolitan area, two are from Greater Minnesota, two reside in North Dakota and one is a resident of Wisconsin.

The fellowships provide an opportunity for physicians to spend from three to 12 months learning new clinical and leadership skills. The fellowship pays a stipend, as well as travel and educational expenses, toward the completion of a plan of study proposed by the fellow. Medical fellows, selected by a panel of prominent nurses and physicians, are chosen based on the panel's confidence that their new skills will fill an important medical need in their respective communities. Since the program's beginning in 1979, more than 300 fellows have been chosen to sharpen their skills, change their career directions and improve the health of their communities from applicants in Minnesota, North and South Dakota and northwestern counties of Wisconsin. (Due to a shift of the Foundation's strategic priorities to its main funding region, 2007 is the last year that Wisconsin residents are eligible for fellowships.)

In addition to the Medical Fellows Program, the **Bush Foundation** provides fellowships to artists and community leaders. It also makes grants to nonprofit organizations in its region that includes Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota to strengthen individual, organizational or community leadership. The Saint Paul-based Foundation was established in 1953 by 3M executive Archibald Bush and his wife, Edyth.

2007 Bush Medical Fellows in the Twin Cities metropolitan area

Amy Burt, D.O. (Plymouth), a physician with Park Nicollet Clinic, will study ways to improve the medical care system for children with chronic conditions and their families.

Mark Hoch, M.D. (Minneapolis), a physician in private practice, will pursue a master's degree in theology at the University of Spiritual Healing and Sufism in Austin, Tx., to acquire the knowledge and skills to be an effective spiritual healer.

Lois Lenarz, M.D. (Golden Valley), a physician with Fairview Health Services, will learn to implement team- and community-based care for people with chronic diseases, and will study performance improvement methodologies and physician leadership development.

Stephen Nelson, M.D. (Minneapolis), a physician with Children's Hospital and Healthcare, will develop medical and cultural skills to treat children with sickle cell anemia through a program of self-directed study.

Therese Quinn, M.D. (Saint Paul), a physician with HealthPartners, will study Medicare policy and advocacy at Johns Hopkins University and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard in order to influence local and national health care policy.

Lee Rock, M.D. (Woodbury), a physician with HealthPartners, will improve his clinical skills in the care of the elderly by completing a formal geriatric fellowship at the University of Minnesota.

Bernarda Zenker, M.D. (Burnsville), a physician with Quello Clinic, will develop expertise in the non-Western alternative and complementary treatment of depression in menopausal woman through study at the University of Arizona and participate in the Physician Leadership College at the University of St. Thomas.

2007 Bush Medical Fellows in Greater Minnesota

Michael Mesick, M.D. (Chatfield), a physician with Olmsted Medical Center, will study medical acupuncture and develop skills in mindfulness-based stress reduction to evaluate and treat chronic disease. He will study at the Holms Medical Institute at UCLA and the Center for Spiritual Healing at the University of Minnesota.

Milan Schmidt, M.D. (Montgomery), a physician with the New Prague Clinic, will study standard and alternative treatments for obesity in children, adolescents and adults at the Cooper Institute in Texas and the University of Minnesota.

2007 Bush Medical Fellows in North Dakota

Terry Dwelle, M.D. (Bismarck), a physician with the North Dakota Department of Health, will improve his personal capability to facilitate strategic planning and curricula development through study and mentoring at the University of North Dakota, the University of Minnesota and North Dakota State University.

Juan Munoz, M.D. (Fargo), a physician with the MeritCare system, will study at the National Institute of Health and the Institute for Reproductive Medicine at Stanford University to develop expertise in male menopause.

2007 Bush Medical Fellows in Wisconsin

Greg Burnett, M.D. (Eau Claire), a physician with the Marshfield Clinic, will enhance his medical and business skills by completing a master's in healthcare management at Harvard University's School of Public Health.