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Overview

Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) located in Atlanta, Georgia, was founded in 1975 as the Medical Education Program at Morehouse College. In 1981 Morehouse School of Medicine became an independently chartered institution and the first medical school established at a Historically Black College and University in the 20th century. MSM is among the nation's leading educators of primary care physicians and was recently recognized as the top institution among U.S. medical schools for our social mission. Our faculty and alumni are noted in their fields for excellence in teaching, research and public policy. MSM physicians are known in the community for exceptional, culturally appropriate patient care.

The School is accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Sciences, Master of Public Health, Master of Science in Clinical Research, Master of Science in Biomedical Research and Master of Science in Biomedical Technology degrees.

Mission

Morehouse School of Medicine is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities; increasing the diversity of the health professional and scientific workforce; and addressing primary health care needs through programs in education, research, and service, with emphasis on people of color and the underserved urban and rural populations in Georgia and the nation.

Academic Programs

Morehouse School of Medicine has 12 academic departments: Community Health and Preventive Medicine; Family Medicine; Medicine; Microbiology, Biochemistry and Immunology; Neurobiology; Obstetrics and Gynecology; Pathology and Anatomy; Pediatrics; Pharmacology and Toxicology; Physiology; Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; and Surgery.

Students

- Student enrollment for 2009-10 is 329. MSM graduated its first student in the Master of Science in Biomedical Research. In keeping with MSM's mission, 57 percent of the M.D. graduates chose residencies in primary care with the national average being 44 percent.

Residents

- MSM has seven residency programs: Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Public Health and General Preventive Medicine, and General Surgery.

- The majority of MSM patient care and clinical training occurs at Grady Memorial Hospital, one of the largest public hospitals in the Southeast. In partnership with Emory University School of Medicine, MSM and Emory faculty and residents are responsible for more than three million patient visits a year. Twenty-five percent of all doctors practicing medicine in Georgia received some or all of their training at Grady.

Faculty

Morehouse School of Medicine employs more than 200 full- and part-time faculty members, many of whom are internationally recognized in their field. Among its faculty and leadership, MSM has five members elected to the prestigious Institute of Medicine.

- **Regina Benjamin, M.D., '82, M.B.A.**
- **Gary Gibbon, M.D.**
- **Peter MacLeish, Ph.D.**
- **David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D.**
- **Louis Sullivan, M.D.**

Research

- The School's research stature and reputation have grown exponentially over the last decade, fueled in large part by significant investments in our research infrastructure with funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), American Heart Association, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Georgia Coalition and others.
- In 2009, MSM secured 135 research related grants totaling more than \$63 million and ranked third in the Nation in federally funded research expenditures among community-based medical schools.
- MSM has established centers, institutes and programs with signature areas of research being cardiometabolic diseases, cancer, HIV/AIDS, and other infectious diseases, and neurological disorders — all areas that disproportionately impact minority communities.

Alumni

The majority of MSM's more than 1,000 alumni choose to honor the MSM mission by serving communities located in rural areas and inner cities. Our alumni have distinguished themselves in leadership roles locally, nationally, and internationally. Examples include:

- **Regina Benjamin, M.D., '82, M.B.A.**, 18th U.S. Surgeon General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- **Robert S. Kaufman, M.D., '86**, Private Practice Physician, The Kaufmann Clinic, Inc.
- **Roger L. Morales, M.D., '96** Private Practice Physician, President, National Alumni Association (2010 - 2012);
- **Wayne J. Riley, M.D., '93**, President, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN
- **David C. Rutstein, M.D., M.P.H., '83**, Acting Deputy Surgeon General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- **Michelle Staples-Horne, M.D., '90, M.P.H.** Medical Director, Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, President, National Alumni Association (2008 - 2010).

Community Value

- MSM has been recognized by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) for leadership in primary care training.
- The National Center for Primary Care of MSM serves as a national resource in promoting the value of primary care medicine and encouraging doctors to pursue primary care careers. It conducts practice-based research to improve health outcomes; creates protocols and tools for improving primary care effectiveness; and undertakes public policy analyses focused on making primary care services more accessible and effective.