



2019 Annual Report

North Alabama Medical Center - Florence
Alabama's Newest Accredited GME Program!



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AMEC activities in 2019 followed the path taken in 2005 with a mission to promote medical education in Alabama. The Board amended that mission to specifically add graduate medical education, and AMEC is successfully moving in that direction. We're pleased with the progress made thus far in adding new opportunities for residency training in our State. There are now three active new startup programs: Southeast Health, Dothan, and South Baldwin Regional Medical Center, Foley, are recruiting for their third year; North Alabama Medical Center, Florence, is recruiting for its first class for 2020. A detailed progress report for all the hospitals is included in this report.



Opioid and other drug addictions have become a national crisis. Through its GME efforts, AMEC has devised a pilot project to assist in addressing the mental health issues in Alabama. The proposed program would fund AltaPointe, Mobile, to expand its mental health services into rural areas through telemedicine and an opioid fellowship program for Family Medicine residency trainees. Funding request for the pilot project was submitted to Governor Ivey's office in time to be considered in her recommended budget to the Legislature for FY 2021. We're optimistic that the proposal will be funded in the 2021 State budget.

AMEC maintains files on the 381 students who spent two years in core sites throughout Alabama. Of that number, 324 are listed as having entered residency; there are now 102 of the Pipeline students licensed in more than 35 cities in Alabama. The last of those young AMEC Pipeline physicians entered the workforce in 2019. We're pleased with this record of AMEC's contribution toward its mission goal.

In 2016, Community Hospital System funded three scholarships through AMEC. The recipients were awarded \$120,000 (over four years) each and contracted to serve five years in an area in Alabama in which a CHS hospital was located. Two of those finished their residencies this year; a third one is doing an extended program in psychiatry. The first two were hired by CHS in Birmingham and Gadsden. The third recipient has already been selected by a psychiatric group to work with them at Grandview Hospital in Birmingham upon completion of his residency. This small sampling confirms our belief that scholarships combined with a service obligation can be a reliable plan to produce more physicians to serve in Alabama.

Scholarships for medical school student tuition tied to five year's service is still on the AMEC agenda. We continue to contact private entities who are interested in increasing Alabama's physician manpower to provide better access to medical care for the State population.

We appreciate the support of the Board of Directors for AMEC's efforts in furtherance of its mission. We want to recognize the AMEC board members who also serve on the Board of the Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine: Dr. Kenneth McLeod and Dr. Brent Boyett.

We mourn the death of Mr. James Coleman. He was on our Board of Directors for a short time but was one of the first supporters of AMEC's efforts to provide physicians to rural Alabama.

Respectively,

Wil E. Baker

GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION UPDATE

Hospitals	Specialty	Anticipated PG1 Slots	Expected Startup
Southeast Health Dothan	Internal Medicine	12 (15)	2018 (2020)
South Baldwin RMC Foley	Family Medicine	8	2018
North Alabama MC Florence	Internal Medicine	12	2020
Thomas Hospital Fairhope	Internal Medicine	12	2021
Crestwood MC Huntsville	Family Medicine	8	2021
Gadsden RMC Gadsden	Family Medicine	8	2021
AltaPointe Health/Springhill MC Mobile	Family Medicine	8	2022
Marshall Medical Systems Guntersville	Family Medicine	6	2022

Other hospitals in various stages of developing new GME programs: Decatur-Morgan Hospital, Decatur; Helen Keller Memorial Hospital, Sheffield; Regional Medical Center, Anniston; Jackson Hospital, Montgomery.



ACOM students from North
Alabama Medical Center
celebrating their 2019
Match Day results!

By 2019, there were 324 graduates of the AMEC Pipeline. That Pipeline saw its final students graduate from medical school in 2016 and this year most of those have completed their residencies. Of the 324 AMEC Pipeline graduates, 102 now have an active license to practice medicine in the State of Alabama.

Pictured: Doctors Hunter and Blake Boyett were graduates of the AMEC Pipeline, “the medical school without walls.” Today, they work with The Orthopedic Center in Athens, Alabama.



Left to Right: Drs. Hunter Boyett, Patrick Boyett, Bill Lawrence, Eric Stanford, Jason Hatfield and Blake Boyett.

2019 ACOM MATCH DATA

The Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine matched its third graduating class to residencies around the country, representing 29 different states. Sixty-three percent matched in Primary Care and another 18% matched in Urgent Care specialties. Ninety-nine percent of ACOM graduates placed during the match this year.

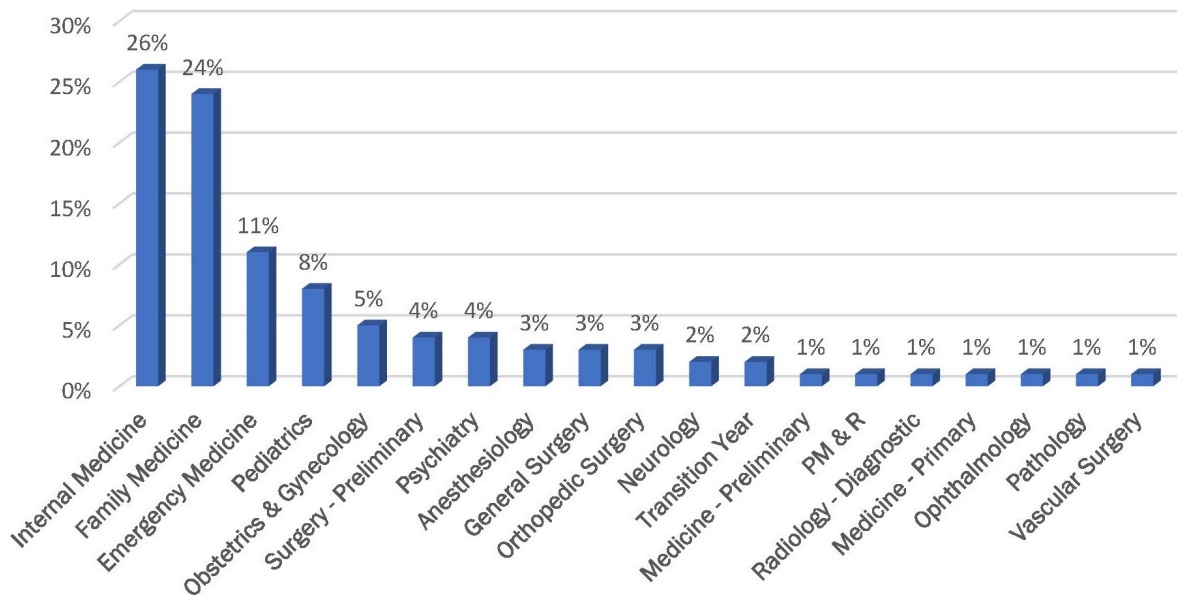
State Placement Statistics

Alabama	26
Out-of-State	134
Adjoining States (FL, GA, MS, TN)	34
Alabama Match 2017/2018/2019	12 / 20 / 26

White Coat Ceremony - Class of 2023



Residency Placement Statistics



You're invited to BROWSE THE AMEC WEBSITE

We were pleased to put together the site that gives our history, lots of pictures, and showcases AMEC's activities through the years. We hope you will enjoy remembering our early years as well as seeing the progress that has been made to increase access to medical care in Alabama. We update the site as much as possible. View at

amecdo.org



Alabama Medical Education Consortium

HOME HISTORY GME NEWS CONTACT



The Alabama Medical Education Consortium (AMEC) was incorporated in 2005 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit to "establish and maintain a physician manpower pipeline for rural and under served Alabama that includes all related components of medical education."

In the beginning, AMEC's mission was to utilize a community-based model to educate medical students in their third and fourth year medical school clerkships. Twelve of these core sites were established throughout Alabama with paid coordinators, core site directors, and preceptors.