

# SOCIAL MEDICINE

The concept of the Residency Program in Social Medicine (RPSM) is to improve the health of our Eastern Long Island community. During the education process, we strive to:

- Provide exemplary community-oriented primary care and preventive services
- Train outstanding primary care physician leaders
- Advocate for public health, social justice and health equality
- Honor our diversity

The program is based on biopsychosocial training with components including:

- In-hospital experience at Southampton Hospital
- Ambulatory care experience at multiple sites throughout the east end of Long Island
- A broad curriculum covering often ignored areas such as community health care, behavioral and social sciences, addiction medicine, palliative care, global health, and medical ethics
- Leadership training in allowing participants to be self-guided and proactive in their career choices

The Residency Program in Social Medicine believes health is not the absence of disease, but a state of spiritual, physical, social, economic, and psychological well-being. We believe health care is a matter of social justice. We are dedicated to the full application of the biopsychosocial model. We seek to work collaboratively with patients and their families, colleagues and communities to provide excellent patient-centered care. We support a context that fosters health by providing culturally sensitive and respectful care.

Through leadership modules and education, we train the next generation of medical leaders to identify institutional and personal forms of prejudice and exploitation that adversely affects the health of our patients. These pernicious prejudices include, but are not limited to, racism, sexism, classism, ageism, and heterosexism. We expect our graduates to be the change they want to see in the world.

