Goals for Accomplishments in the First Ten Years of Practice

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Objectives

Upon completion of this session, the participant will be able to:

• Understand the importance of acquiring an effective mentor
• Be able to set priorities in order to establish a healthy work/life balance
• Become knowledgeable of the steps to networking and evolving as an educator and/or leader in our specialty
What is a mentor?

• Acts as a guide to help us define and understand our goals and how to pursue them successfully.
• It’s a learning relationship
Do you have a formal mentorship program at your institution?

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Why is a mentor important?

- Career satisfaction and confidence as an educator rises with mentorship in physicians
- Prevalence of mentorship in academic and health institutions ranges from 19-93%
- The impact of mentorship on academic progress and meeting career goals established as important factor
- Mentored physicians more likely to mentor others and leads to increased personal/professional fulfillment

Sambunjak S, JAMA. 2006;296:1103-1115
Defining the Ideal Qualities of Mentorship: A Qualitative Analysis of the Characteristics of Outstanding Mentors

Admirable Characteristics

Mentee Guidance

Strength of Time Commitment

Personal/Professional Balance

Legacy of Mentoring

What is a mentor going to offer me?

• Challenges one to “stretch”
• Explore new ways to working
  – They may see strengths in you that have never been seen or felt
• Offers a wide breadth of possibilities
Setting Mentoring Goals

- **Specific**
- **Measurable**
- **Action-oriented**
- **Realistic**
- **Timely**
Work/Life Balance

Balance is the Key to Life
Do you feel that you have a good work/life balance?

| Yes | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Did you receive a specific education on the importance of work/life balance as a resident/fellow or attending?

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Work/life balance

• Common thoughts:
  – “If I don’t spend enough time in my work, I won’t succeed in my career”
  – “I just have to put in the time the first few years, then it will slow down and all be worth it in the end.”
Work/Life balance

- Physician Health and Well-being
- Mental Health-performing self-care
- Burnout
- 2006-Wellness Task Force created by ASA
Work/Life Balance Tips

• Don’t be afraid to say no
• Ask for help!!! Cultivate a support system
• Accept the things you cannot change
• Detach from technology
HELLO
my name is

I'm Afraid
of Networking!!
Do you think networking is important for a successful career in pediatric anesthesia?

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Are you a member of other organizations related to anesthesiology?

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Networking

• “Persons who are high on networking ability are able to successfully build an effective and advantageous partnership with others at work.”

• “Career success received from mentoring was mediated by networking”
Networking and Evolving in your Practice

• Join local hospital committees of interest to you—a way of meeting people in other specialties and opportunity for collaboration

• Become active in national organizations
  – Within anesthesia or beyond

• Many societies create possibilities for networking among peers and with experienced/established professors
Using Social Media to Enhance Career Development Opportunities for Health Promotion Professionals

Leah A. Roman, MPH, MCHES

1, Health Promotion Practice, July 2014

• Offers cost-effective career enhancement
  – Building communities of practice
  – Participating in professional development events
  – Enriching classroom teaching

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Do you participate in educational programs at your institution?

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Have you received any formal education regarding professionalism?

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- No

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Evolving as the educator

• Seek out educational opportunities locally
  – Medical student lectures
  – Simulation exercises
  – Workshops
• Teaching workshops through Society of Education for Anesthesia
• Masters programs in education
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