



# NEW YORK MEDICAL COLLEGE

A MEMBER OF THE TOURO COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

To members of the New York Medical College community,

For more than 14 years, New York Medical College (NYMC) and its principal affiliated academic medical center, Westchester Medical Center (WMC), have been operating under general short-term Academic Affiliation Agreements (AAA) that were renewed every three to six months. One of my goals for NYMC, when I came to work here in 2012, was to rectify that situation through the creation of a specific, detailed and long-term agreement. I was joined in that effort by WMC's president and CEO, Michael Israel, with whom I worked when we were both at Duke University.

I am pleased to report that upon the approval of both institutions' Boards of Trustees, NYMC and WMC finalized a comprehensive, multi-year affiliation AAA. This AAA formalizes our current working relationship, strengthens opportunities to work together to enrich our academic medicine programs, and will improve clinical care and scientific research -- now and in the future. It gives our students and faculty exclusive access to clinical learning opportunities at WMC and offers them educational opportunities in the growing WMCHHealth Network.

Our mission at NYMC is to improve health through medical education, biomedical research and service to patients, their families and the community, and we accomplish this through the skill and dedication of our faculty, learners and staff in partnership with diverse stakeholders and supporters. This AAA formalizes our relationship with WMC as our partner in realizing this mission.

**Key aspects of the agreement include:**

- In a highly competitive and increasingly volatile market for clinical education, WMC will be a primary teaching site for the clinical education programs of NYMC and its Touro affiliated programs.
- WMC will facilitate the expansion of clinical teaching for NYMC and its Touro affiliated programs to other hospitals in the WMCHHealth Network.
- WMC will financially support NYMC academic programs, which in turn, will foster the growth and prospering of clinical programs at WMC.
- NYMC will transfer the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education listed sponsorship of 11 WMC GME programs to WMC along with their associated sub-specialty programs. Excluded from this transfer are the GME programs primarily sited and/or jointly sponsored at/by Metropolitan Hospital Center in Harlem.
- WMC and NYMC will work in cooperation to recruit clinical department chairs and residency program directors.
- NYMC will be a primary provider for medical simulation services for WMC.
- NYMC will be a provider of Continuing Medical Education (CME) services to most clinicians at WMC.
- NYMC and WMC will work together to foster clinical research.
- The achievement of this AAA is the result of hard work and commitment by the leadership of WMC and NYMC. I express my personal gratitude to them for this effort.

Great things are happening here at NYMC and will continue to happen here along with our partner, WMC.

Sincerely yours,  
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