

Appendix D

Alumni Physicians Questionnaire: Meharry Medical College

**MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
ALUMNI PHYSICIANS QUESTIONNAIRE**

NAME:
ADDRESS:

1. After completing my residency training, I have pursued (or plan to pursue):

A. Check one only:

_____ Private Sector _____ Military _____ Government (Civilian)

B. Check all that apply:

_____ Academic Medicine _____ Research _____ Managed Care Organization
_____ Health Care Delivery _____ Other (specify) _____

2. What type of continuing medical education (CME) do you most prefer?

_____ Conferences (seminars) _____ Publications _____ Audio/Video Tapes _____ Other

3. Please list your areas of specialization and certification:

Specialty	BOARD	
	Eligible (yes/no)	Certified (yes/no)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

4. On the average, how many **hours per week** do you devote to each of the following activities?

(____ hours/week) Patient care (include seeing patients, preparing and reviewing medical and administrative records, and waiting time directly related to patient care.)

(____ hours/week) Teaching

(____ hours/week) Research

(____ hours/week) Administration (Includes professional societies, management or administrative employment.)

(____ hours/week) Other (Please specify: _____)

(over)

5. Please estimate the percent of your patients with the following types of insurance coverage

(___)% Medicaid

(___)% Medicare

(___)% Private insurance (traditional Blue Cross/Blue Shield or Commercial Insurance)

(___)% HMO/PPO (managed care plan)

(___)% Uninsured - able to pay

(___)% Uninsured – unable to pay, indigent

(___)% Other (Please specify: _____)

(100 %) **TOTAL**

6. Please estimate the following:

Annual # of patients you serve: _____

Annual % of minority patients you serve: _____

Annual % of low income patients (household income below \$13,500) you serve: _____%

7. After completing my medical residency training< I have worked (or plan to work) in:

___ Nashville

___ Southern U.S (Not including Tennessee)

___ State of Tennessee (Not
including Nashville)

___ Other

8. Please check the primary area which you practice in (**choose only one answer**):

___ Large city metropolitan area (population>500,000)

___ Moderate sized city or its suburb 50,001-500,000)

___ Small city (population 10,000-50,000)

___ Small town (population <10,000)

___ Rural, unincorporated area

9. Please specify the postal zip code of the location of your practice (primary site): _____

10. Do you consider the location of your practice as a socioeconomically deprived area? ___ Yes ___ No

11. Please check **one health service site** from underserved areas in which you practice
(Go to next question if you do not practice in an underserved area):

___ Community Health Centers (CHC)

___ Migrant Health Centers (MHC)

___ Health Care for the Homeless

___ Public Housing Primary Care

___ Rural Health Clinics

___ National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

___ Indian Health Service Sites (HIS)

___ Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC s)

___ Health Departments

___ Ambulatory Practice Sites

___ Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs)

12. How many years did you live in the following underserved areas before attending Meharry?

Rural: _____ None _____ 1-2 _____ 3-4 _____ 5-6 _____ More than 6

Urban: _____ None _____ 1-2 _____ 3-4 _____ 5-6 _____ More than 6

Other (please specify: _____):

13. Please indicate the degree of your agreement or disagreement with knowledge, skills or attitudes obtained from Meharry by using the scale below:

Scale: 4=Strongly Agree; 3=Agree; 2=Disagree; 1=Strongly Disagree

_____ The medical knowledge I expected to learn was made clear.

_____ The clinical skills I expected to learn were made clear.

_____ The professional attitudes I expected to learn were made clear.

_____ I am satisfied with the training regarding the communication skills in dealing with patients and colleagues on the job.

_____ My medical education has prepared me to use computer and other information technologies in my medical practice.

_____ My medical education has prepared me to use biostatistics and other research methodologies in my medical practice.

_____ The basic sciences and clinical sciences courses were taught appropriately in support of each other during my medical education.

_____ Overall, my medical education has prepared me for the next step in my career.

14. Considering the following topics of concern to the medical profession today, how would you prioritize the importance of including them specifically in the medical education curriculum? Please indicate your response by using the scale below.

Scale: 4= Extremely Important; 3=Very Important; 2=Somewhat Important; 1=Not Important; 0=Not Applicable.

_____ Psychological factors in health/fitness

_____ Cultural factors in disease development and health care delivery

_____ Geriatric Medicine

_____ Practice Management

_____ Nutrition

_____ Research methodology/statistics

_____ Social factors in health/illness

_____ Medical ethics

_____ Interpersonal skills

_____ Computer technology

_____ Health promotion/disease prevention

_____ HIV/AIDS

_____ Other (specify) _____

15. A number of areas in which medical residents have experienced difficulties are listed below. Please indicate the degree to which you experience these problems by using the scale below:

Scale: 4=No Problem; 3= Minor Problem; 2=Moderate Problem; 1=Major Problem

_____ Interacting with patients	_____ Interacting with other physicians
_____ Interacting with nurses	_____ Time for family
_____ Leisure time	_____ Time to spend in continuing education
_____ Keeping up with professional literature	_____ Medical malpractice litigation
_____ Insurance paperwork and regulations	_____ Patient chart/documentation
_____ Other)specify) _____	

16. Please indicate which of the following you have participated in or receiving recognition for since graduation from Meharry by checking the appropriate answers. A copy of your curriculum vitae would be most helpful in the clarification of your responses.

- _____ A. Published articles in professional journals (# of times since receiving M.D.: _____)
- _____ B. Presented papers before national professional groups
(# of times since receiving M.D.: _____)
- _____ C. Administered or conducted research studies (# of times since receiving M.D.: _____)
- _____ D. Received grant for research or training (# of times since receiving M.D.: _____)
- _____ E. Received professional awards or honors (# of times since receiving M.D.: _____)
- _____ F. Held office in national professional organizations
(# of times since receiving M.D.: _____)
- _____ G. Served on professional committees (hospital, society)
(# of times since receiving M.D.: _____)
- _____ H. Served as an editor or on the editorial board of a professional journal
(# of times since receiving M.D.: _____)
- _____ I. Served as a reviewer for a professional journal
(# of times since receiving M.D.: _____)
- _____ J. Shared in developing medical/surgical procedures, instruments, drugs or techniques
which have been described in the literature (*Please send a copy of the report*)
(# of times since receiving M.D.: _____)

17. Please indicate the strengths and weaknesses in the following curriculum components at Meharry in the space below. We appreciate your comments for improving medical education at Meharry.

(I) Basic science component:

A. Strengths

B. Weaknesses:

(II) Clinical science component:

A. Strengths

B. Weaknesses:

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please return it to:

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