



Moudi Hubeishy: Helping patients wherever they are

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On the move with: Moudi Hubeishy, a medical student at State University of New York at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. He leads a street-medicine program.

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What inspired me to pursue a career in medicine: I empathize with my patients who are stricken by intense hardship, and I aspire to be the optimistic, knowledgeable and decisive physician ready to help however I can. I plan to pursue a residency in emergency medicine.

How I move medicine: Through innovative initiatives that aim to better patient care, for all patients. Directly, I do this through street medicine rounds providing medical outreach to the homeless. More obliquely, I move medicine by furthering the development of the future generation of physicians with leadership skills and burnout insight.

Career highlights: I founded and currently direct UB HEALS (Homeless health, Education, Awareness, and Leadership in Street medicine), a program that serves Buffalo’s homeless population by having University at Buffalo medical students, residents and physicians round on the city streets, shelters and various areas of inhabitation of homeless individuals.

The program has won numerous awards and grants, and—more importantly—has reconnected many homeless individuals with the medical and social care they have been looking for, while exposing and educating medical trainees and professionals about the challenges faced by their patients with low socioeconomic status.

Advice I’d give to those interested in pursuing a career in medicine: Never forget the reason that you became inspired to pursue medicine. It will preserve your ability to empathize with your patients.

Aspect of my work that means the most: I think I have the ability to establish a genuine sense of trust and caring with my patients, and that means I can really address the subtle health inequities affecting my patients. Knowing that I can change someone’s life trajectory by providing them excellent care motivates me to do so.

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