# Health Systems Science: The Evolving Identity of Academic Health Centers

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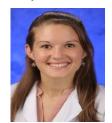
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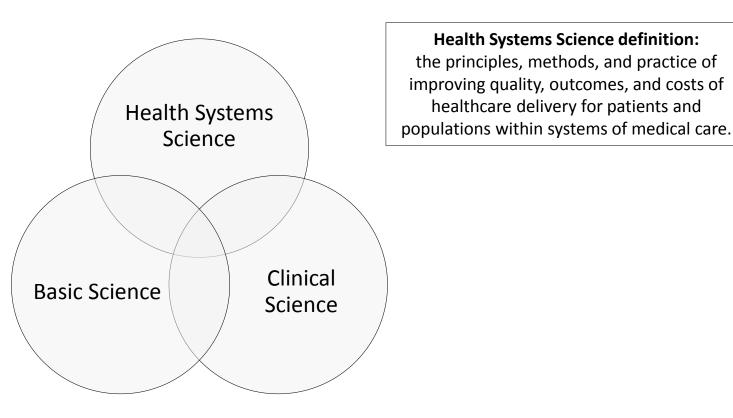
## Objectives

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

- 1. Define health systems science the 4th pillar of medical education,
- 2. Articulate the significant events that have contributed to the development of health systems science,
- 3. Highlight several Health Systems Science curricular components that have been implemented along the education continuum,
- 4. Discuss an evolving identity of academic health centers and how Health Systems Science is contributing to this change.



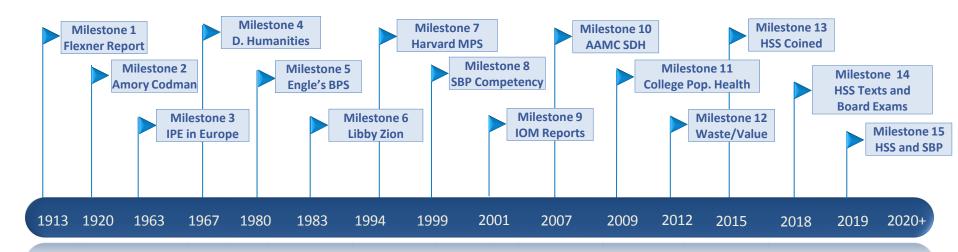
#### The Third Pillar



**Health Systems Science definition:** the principles, methods, and practice of improving quality, outcomes, and costs of healthcare delivery for patients and



## HSS Milestones: Past is Prologue



**Basic Science** 

Clinical Science

**Health Humanities** 

Health Systems Science

**Key Take-Away:** 

Built on evidence Focused on patients

High-value care

Population health

Social determinants of health

Quality, safety, structures, systems education

Systems-based practice in GME

Unsafe care and quality outcomes

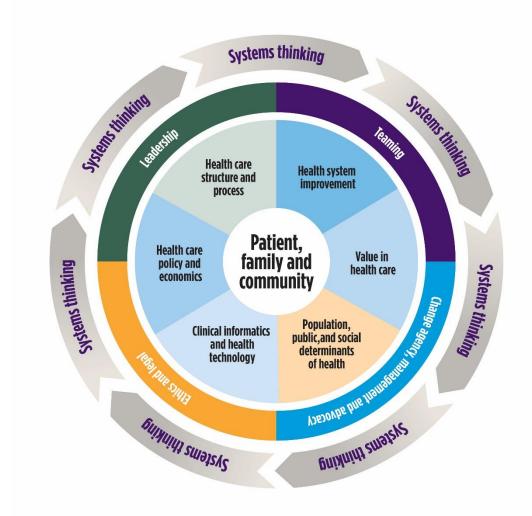
Patient safety and examining structures

Patient-centered framing for care delivery

Interprofessional education and collaboration

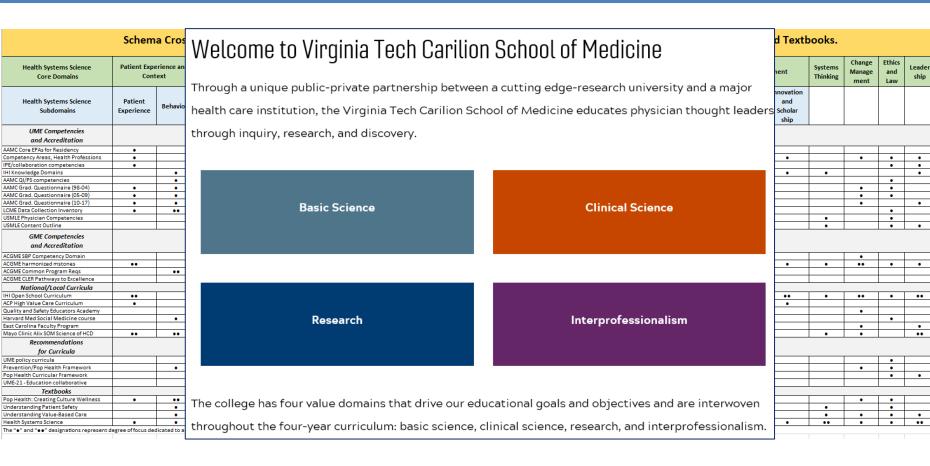
Structures drive outcomes

#### The HSS Framework





#### The Comprehensive HSS Framework



Transitions of Social Patient QI IPE
Care determinants safety

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#### Why does a comprehensive HSS framework matter?

- 1. Ensures core competencies are not marginalized (e.g. HSS  $\neq$  QI)
- 2. Accounts for related competencies in curricular design
- 3. Establishes a foundation for comprehensive pedagogies
- 4. Provides a clear learning pathway for UME  $\rightarrow$  GME  $\rightarrow$  workforce
- 5. Facilitates a shift towards a national standard
- 6. Catalyzes the new healthcare professionalism of systems citizens.

# **HSS Along the Education Continuum**



#### **HSS Curricular Continuum**

MS1 MS2 MS3 MS4 **GME CME** Course Title: Science of Health Systems 1 (65 hr) SDH, pop health, public health, and patient navigation MS-1 Healthcare delivery, comparative systems Advocacy, interprofessional collaboration Experiential role – student patient navigators \* Course Title: Science of Health Systems 2 (40 hr) MS-2 EBM, safety, system improvement, teamwork, value White Belt Certification in Operational Excellence Health Equity Clerkship Healthcare disparities; SDH Internal Medicine Clerkship HSS reflection exercise MS-3 Family Medicine Clerkship Transitions of care; med reconciliation Several Clerkships High-value care core curricular session Course Title: Translating Health Systems (2w/50 hr) Application of all HSS principles Team-based projects with specialty coach and op-ex coach MS-4 Yellow Belt Certification in Operational Excellence HSS Electives: 4 created, 7 created by summer 2020

Course Title: Transition to Internship (40hr)

#### **HSS Curricular Continuum**

MS1 + MS2 + MS3 + MS4 + GME + CME

MS-1	Course Title: Science of Health Systems 1 (65 hr)	Core HSS curricula
	SDH, pop health, public health, and patient navigation	<ul> <li>Expected of all programs</li> </ul>
	Healthcare delivery, comparative systems	<ul> <li>4 HSS core areas/yr</li> </ul>
	Advocacy, interprofessional collaboration	
	<ul> <li>Experiential role – student patient navigators *</li> </ul>	
MS-2	Course Title: Science of Health Systems 2 (40 hr)	HSS Resident Immersion Week
	EBM, safety, system improvement, teamwork, value	<ul> <li>N=30; from most programs</li> </ul>
	White Belt Certification in Operational Excellence	<ul> <li>Overlaps with 4<sup>th</sup>-yr course</li> </ul>
	Health Equity Clerkship	Individual Program Initiatives
	。 Healthcare disparities; SDH	· IM – HSS Curricula
MS-3	Internal Medicine Clerkship	· FCM – HSS/Pop health
	。 HSS reflection exercise	· Ortho – core QI (since 2011)
	Family Medicine Clerkship	
	· Transitions of care; med reconciliation	
	Several Clerkships	
	。 High-value care core curricular session	
MS-4	Course Title: Translating Health Systems (2w/50 hr)	Systems-Based Practice and CLE
	Application of all HSS principles	AMA grant *
	Team-based projects with specialty coach and op-ex coach	
	Yellow Belt Certification in Operational Excellence	
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	Course Title: Science of Health Systems 1 (65 hr)	Core HSS curricula	HSS Academy
MS-1	SDH, pop health, public health, and patient navigation	Expected of all programs	Year-long program
	Healthcare delivery, comparative systems	<ul> <li>4 HSS core areas/yr</li> </ul>	· Year 1 – 2016-17
	· Advocacy, interprofessional collaboration		<ul> <li>Interprofessional</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Experiential role – student patient navigators *</li> </ul>		· N=99 scholars
MS-2	Course Title: Science of Health Systems 2 (40 hr)	HSS Resident Immersion Week	National HSS Academy
	EBM, safety, system improvement, teamwork, value	N=30; from most programs	<ul> <li>Year 1 – 24 participants</li> </ul>
	White Belt Certification in Operational Excellence	<ul> <li>Overlaps with 4<sup>th</sup>-yr course</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Year 2 – 84 applicants</li> </ul>
MS-3	Health Equity Clerkship	Individual Program Initiatives	HSS Seminar Series
	。 Healthcare disparities; SDH	· IM – HSS Curricula	Year 5
	Internal Medicine Clerkship	FCM – HSS/Pop health	6-8 sessions/yr
	。 HSS reflection exercise	· Ortho – core QI (since 2011)	<ul> <li>Aligns w/HSS core areas</li> </ul>
	Family Medicine Clerkship		
	· Transitions of care; med reconciliation		
	Several Clerkships		Workforce Initiatives
	。 High-value care core curricular session		· White/Yellow Belts
MS-4	Course Title: Translating Health Systems (2w/50 hr)	Systems-Based Practice and CLE	ACE's Workshops
	Application of all HSS principles	AMA grant *	SDH Simulations
	Team-based projects with specialty coach and op-ex coach		
	Yellow Belt Certification in Operational Excellence		· Certificate/Master's
	HSS Electives: 4 created, 7 created by summer 2020		
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# Three Big Ideas Related to HSS

- 1. The Expanding Educator Bench of US Medical Schools
- 2. The New Professionalism: Systems Citizenship
- 3. HSS Informing the Evolving Identity of AHCs

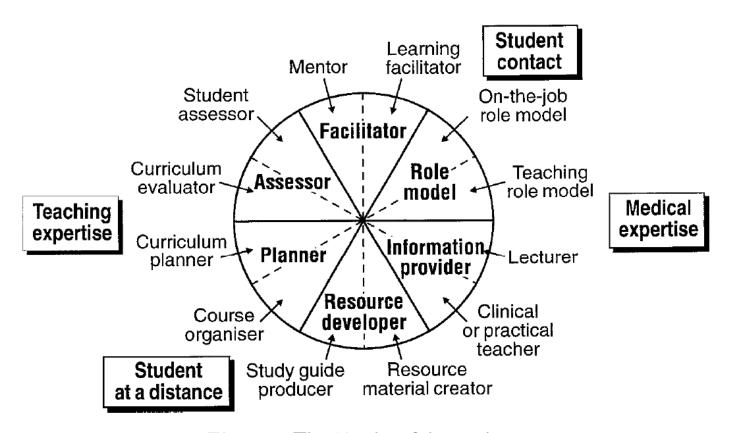


# Big Idea #1: The Expanding Educator Bench of US Medical Schools





# HSS Impacts the Community of Educators



**Figure 1**. The 12 roles of the teacher.

## New and Evolving Medical Educator Roles for HSS

Categories	Examples
Classroom Instructor	Evolving role: Hospitalist physician facilitates a small group
(PBL, lecturer)	New role: Director of Nursing Ambulatory Care leads social determinants of health workshop
Clinical supervisor	Evolving role: PCP coaches learner through high-value, cost-conscious decision making
("attending")	New role: QI Chief collaborates with student to align project goals and obtain data
Curriculum	Evolving role: Associate Dean for Evaluation facilitates new HSS assessments
Leader/Evaluator	New role: Associate Dean for HSS Education oversees design of HSS curricula
Montor or advisor	Evolving role: Clinician-investigator mentors student in informatics research in high-value care
Mentor or advisor	New role: QI/Lean/Black Belt staff mentors student in clinically-based project

<u>Implication 1:</u> The "new" educators are already in our community.

Implication 2: We can help develop skills of these educators.

<u>Implication 3:</u> We can meaningfully acknowledge and "incentivize" these educators.



#### Big Idea #2:

The New Professionalism: Systems Citizenship

"Is medical education designed to be transformative (e.g., a physician as a refined alloy produced from the ore of a medical student) or additive (she is the same person but with highly enhanced skills in science, technology and humanities)?"



#### The New Professionalism

Wave 1

"Discovery"

Wave 2

"Definition"

Brennan. Physicians' Professional Responsibility to Improve the Quality of Care. Acad Med 2002

Wave 3

"Measurement"

Wave 4

"Institutionalization"

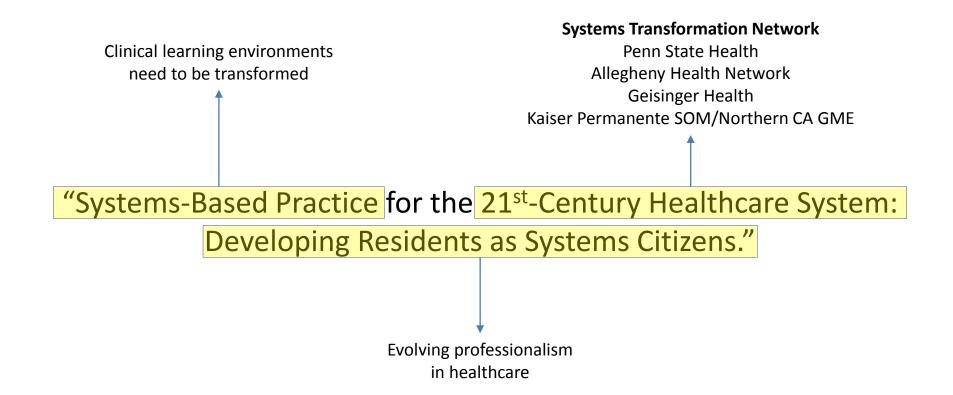
**Next Wave** 

"Systems Citizenship"

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# **Systems Citizens**

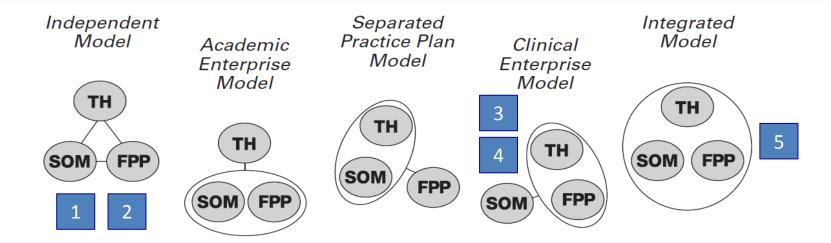




# Big Idea #3: HSS Informing the Evolving Identity of AHCs



#### Exploring Our Evolving Academic Identity in Times of Change



Key: **TH** = Teaching Hospital **SOM** = School of Medicine **FPP** = Faculty Practice Plan

"Tripartite missions...three different lines of endeavor that act synergistically to advance a unified purpose – that of a healthier future for all." (Rahn)

Research Aim: To explore the current AHC landscape with the goal of identifying barriers and opportunities for productive tripartite mission alignment (i.e. an evolving AHC identity)

#### Methods:

- Data obtained f/electronic surveys
- Exploratory qualitative design
- Thematic analysis approach
- Constant comparative analysis

#### **Institutions:**

- 1. A.T. Still University SOM
- 2. U. of Colorado SOM
- 3. U. of Nebraska SOM
- 4. Sidney Kimmel Med. College/TJU
- 5. Penn State COM

#### **Participants** → 113/175=65%:

- 1. Educators
- 2. Researchers
- 3. Clinical system leaders
- 4. Hospital system administrators
- 5. Clinical providers
- 6. Students
- 7. Residents/fellows

Rahn. The transformation of AHCs: Meeting the challenges of healthcare's changing landscape. London: Academic Press, 2015

# Two Key Findings

- 1. Co-production and co-creation is required
- 2. There are unifying concepts to use as a roadmap
  - Patient psychosocial factors, behavior, and engagement
  - Healthcare delivery and coordination
  - Healthcare policy and economics
  - Community health (needs, assessments)
  - Social determinants of health
  - Population health and healthcare disparities
  - High-value care (including cost effectiveness)
  - Clinical informatics and technology
  - Operational excellence and improvement science
  - Translational and implementation science

Health Systems Science



# The Evolving Academic Health Center Identity



#### **Health Systems Science Vision**

- Patient psychosocial and behavioral engagement
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#### The Oslerian "Triple Threat" Faculty Member

"Excellence of American Medicine is associated with a healthcare system that inherently values the coexistence of research, teaching, and clinical care within a single faculty."

