

## **THE BASICS OF DEVELOPING AN UNDERSEA AND HYPERBARIC MEDICINE FELLOWSHIP**

It is not as arduous as you may think!! As Program Director for the LSU UHM Fellowship, it is my pleasure to get you started. In the beginning, you may have a million questions and doubts as to whether you can piece a program together. Believe me, we can help you!

### **A FEW THINGS YOU WILL NEED:**

- 1) **A Monoplace Chamber** - and access to a multiplace chamber. You do NOT have to have a multiplace, just an agreement with someplace that has a chamber and is willing to let your Fellows rotate at that facility. This facility can be another developed UHM Fellowship.
- 2) **A Sponsoring Institution** - that has either a) an ACGME accredited Preventative Medicine Residency (monitored by the American Board of Preventative Medicine [ABPM]) or b) an ACGME accredited Emergency Medicine Residency (monitored by the American Board of Emergency Medicine [ABEM]), or c) an Osteopathic Residency in Emergency Medicine (monitored by the American Osteopathic Association [AOA]).
- 3) **Lectures and Curriculum** - which conform to the didactic outline for UHM Fellowships. This information is found on either the ABEM, ABPM, or AOA websites under "Fellowship Information." Now this can be one of the big stumbling blocks. Many developing programs do not have enough physicians with enough time to develop all the lectures they need. Here is where we can help. We can sponsor you, or simply partner with you, and share OUR lectures. Keep in mind, this is a great sharing of intellectual information. However, we want you to succeed. LSU UHM is committed to developing new UHM Fellowships, and is willing to skype or teleconference with you. Your faculty and fellows can have access to our handouts, journal clubs, morbidity and mortality conferences, and even grand rounds. We will also develop you, a little at a time, to develop your own arsenal of lectures.
- 4) **Funding** - This can be a big hurdle. There are several avenues to explore. Some fellowships are funding through the military. If you have a base close to you, you might want to explore that. Others are sponsored by corporations. For those of you with corporate operations running your wound care division, this might be an option. You might also join with a chamber maker, professional organization (DAN, PADI, UHMS, Regional ACEP, Diving Companies, etc) for sponsorship. Your affiliated institution (hospital) may be able to give you one of their assigned resident (PGY-4) spots.