

# MAINE'S REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAM

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Dear Bill:

I appreciate very much your letter of April 13th. At the present time the College of Physicians program is proceeding, I hope, under the aegis of the University of Maine, and I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of your letter to Dr. Stanley Freeman, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, currently involved in the College of Physicians.

Relative to your first question, I think it is our feeling that if it were purely a matter of bringing more physicians to the State of Maine, there are other ways of achieving this. This program hopefully addresses itself to different ways of practice, the benefits that teaching students will have for other institutions throughout the State in their efforts in continuing education, an opportunity for more Maine students to get into the health care field, and many of the points addressed in the report. Just more doctors in Maine or any other rural community I do not think is going to answer the problems.

Relative to your second point, we really have not done very much about accreditation to date. I have discussed this informally with the accreditation people from the Maine Medical Association and at one point with the President of the American Osteopathic Association. This needs to be worked out, and should be high on the agenda.

Your third point also needs attention. You will recall that there was a small meeting held with Dr. DiPerri, Dr. Pettapiece and yourself, at which time we began to explore ways in which the osteopathic profession could connect with this program. It is still wide open. There is no question about the fact, in my mind at least, that the two professions should be involved in this effort in a collaborative fashion.

I appreciate the intent of your letter. I likewise appreciate all the assistance that you and other members of the osteopathic

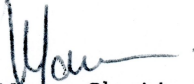
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profession have given this program as well as Regional Medical Program.

Please let us keep in touch. I will discuss this with the people at the University.

Sincerely,

  
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