

ALUMNI UPDATE

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Francis X. Champion, M.D., FACP



This past January, Francis X. Champion, M.D., FACP, became the new Medical Director of Provider Programs at Outcome Sciences. Outcome spun out of a Harvard affiliated research laboratory and today nearly 2,000 healthcare organizations are its direct customers. The company provides services and technologies focused on evaluating the safety, effectiveness, and quality of healthcare products and services. Dr. Champion works with hospitals and physician professional societies to deliver clinical outcomes programs to improve clinical quality and patient safety. Dr. Champion is a Lahey alumnus and previously served as a member of the Internal Medicine Department and as Lahey's Director for Quality Resources and Risk Management.

His favorite memory of Lahey is learning how to examine the thyroid gland from Gene Clerkin, developing clinical pathways for pneumonia patients with Andy Villeneuve, and working with the great nursing staff in the intensive care unit.

Looking back at his Lahey experience, Dr. Champion most appreciates the opportunity, right out of residency training, to work in a group practice with such talented colleagues. The teamwork across specialties is an important success factor for Lahey which many other groups are working hard to emulate.

Dr. Champion moved from Lahey to join the Caritas Christi Health Care System in Boston where he served for 10 years as the Vice President for Clinical Integration. He went on to join Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates (HVMA) in 2005. Dr. Champion currently is the Director for the Complex Chronic Care disease management program at HVMA. As a member of the Department of Ambulatory Care and Prevention at Harvard Medical School, he participates in research initiatives involving the use of clinical information systems for biosurveillance, patient safety, and clinical decision support. Dr. Champion also practices internal medicine at the HVMA Kenmore center in Boston and served as the Director for Clinical Information Systems from 2005-2007, helping to roll out the EpicCare EMR across the Atrius Health Care System.



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In 2007, Dr. Champion was named in *Boston* magazine's "Best Doctors" list. His previous honors include the Community Clinician of the Year award by the Norfolk District Medical Society of the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Physician of the Year Award in 2002 from the Massachusetts Home Care Association, and the Senior Resident Award from the Veterans Administration Hospital in Manchester, N.H., in 1990.

A 1987 graduate of Harvard Medical School, Dr. Champion is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a Diplomate of both the American Board of Internal Medicine and the National Board of Medicine Examiners. Among numerous professional activities, Dr. Champion is active with the Massachusetts Medical Society as a member of its House of Delegates and IT Clinical Advisory Committee, and its committees on Quality of Medical Practice, Information Technology, and Telemedicine.

Dr. Champion lives in Westwood, Mass., where he is an active leader with Boy Scout Troop 3.



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