

BLOCK 5 OF INSTRUCTION: Graduation and Wrap-Up

OVERVIEW: This block concludes the program and allows for presenters to reinforce messages.

OBJECTIVES:

- Conclude the day.
- Reinforce specific messages.
- Allow participants to ask questions and give feedback about their experience.

SUGGESTED PRESENTERS:

- Research dean
- MD-PhD candidate or research fellow
- Researcher

SUGGESTED TIME: 1 hour

KEY TOPICS:

- Use this time to focus on any aspects of medical research specific to your institution that you would like to emphasize:
 - Community involvement
 - Specific research labs or programs
 - Minority research faculty and/or trainee recruitment and retention
- Allow time for questions and answers.
- Offer to serve as a resource moving forward.

ACTIVITIES:

- Present giveaways.
- Hold mini-graduation ceremony, with photographs taken, and present certificates.
- Present resource notebook, if not previously handed out, and detail methods of follow-up for evaluation and contacting any of the presenters.
- Ask for informal feedback with the group and individually.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- If possible, avoid discussion of or questions about labs or experiments involving animals. Medical schools and teaching hospitals closely adhere to high ethical standards when using animals in medical research; however, this is a perennial, controversial issue. If the program does expose participants to animal research, be sure to follow your institution's guidelines and to prepare for questions.

PROJECT MEDICAL EDUCATION



- Consider inviting alumni, former patients, and community leaders to provide additional perspective.
- Consider concluding the program with an informal reception, which some institutions have been doing. This offers a chance for participants to ask questions they may have been too timid to ask earlier or to engage in deeper conversation.
- Leave time for any questions that couldn't be asked or answered in other sessions. Try to have representatives from each part of the day available to answer those questions.
- Consider sending a survey after the event. This allows for follow-up in case participants have questions about certain issues.

RESOURCES:

[*Medical Research*](#) (webpage)

[*Medical Research Funding and Regulation*](#) (webpage)