

# St. Barnabas Hospital Medical Education and Research Fund (SBH-MERF)

## Statement of Purpose

The goal of the St. Barnabas Hospital Medical Education and Research Fund (MERF) is to provide external funding support for research or development of innovative approaches that will enhance medical education.

Expected outcomes include advances in the theory, knowledge, or practice of medicine at any point along the continuum of medical education, from undergraduate and graduate education training. Collaborative investigations within or among institutions are eligible, particularly as they strengthen the likelihood of the project's contribution and success.

## History

In 2006, a group of medical staff members under the leadership of Dr. Rubin Silverman and senior administration organized the St. Barnabas Hospital Medical Education and Research Fund (SBH-MERF) to further medical science by investigative pursuits, and the advancement of knowledge in medicine. The SBH-MERF actively encourages through funding and design opportunities, those projects that may advance medical knowledge & research in the diagnosis, treatment and cure of illness. The SBH-MERF promotes research for the development of new medical skills and knowledge which would serve patients from the Bronx County.

## Mission

The mission of the St. Barnabas Hospital Medical Education and Research Fund is to promote medical education and research efforts designed to improve the health of the community by St. Barnabas Hospital.

## Vision

The St. Barnabas Hospital Medical Education and Research Fund program strives to improve the quality of life for all community members by:

- Encouraging medical research as a scholarly activity
- Promoting education and training of healthcare professionals as they design and carry out their research and patient care mission
- Promoting continuing education to enhance all aspects of healthcare and
- Supporting community health efforts

The services of the SBH-MERF are made available to all physicians, medical residents, and other medically and scientifically recognized and qualified investigators by the Medical Board of St. Barnabas Hospital.

## Officers

Chair – Jitendra Barmecha, MD, MPH, FACP

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The SBH-MERF is not a solitary endeavor. Your endowment gifts, memorials, and bequests provide many opportunities for the MERF program to gain knowledge to improve the chances for all of us to live longer, happier, healthier lives.

To inquire about research funding opportunities and donations please contact the office of SBH-MERF at 718-960-9295 or [dloubriel@sbhny.org](mailto:dloubriel@sbhny.org)