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**VMS Foundation Welcomes 2023 Physician Executive Leadership Cohort**  
*VMSERF also celebrates the graduates of the 2021/2022 Leadership Cohort*

**MONTPELIER, VT (December 20, 2022)** - The Vermont Medical Society Education & Research Foundation (VMSERF) is proud to announce the 2023 cohort of the Physician Executive Leadership Institute (PELI) Foundational Course, which commences remotely this January. The VMSERF leadership course is offered in partnership with the Daniel Hanley Center for Health Leadership and Lumunos Clinician Well-Being Services with funding from the Physicians Foundation.

Perhaps more than ever before, physicians are being asked to step up and skillfully lead rapid change to ensure the best outcomes for Vermont patients. “The ‘new normal’ of health care systems require physician leaders who can respond to workforce shortages, mental health crises and surges in new illnesses, and to meet these challenges with both empathy and resiliency,” said VMSERF-Board member and Vermont Medical Society President, Ryan Sexton, M.D. “Being a PELI graduate myself, I can tell you firsthand that this course is instrumental in helping these Vermont clinicians become active participants in creating a healthcare environment where patients, caregivers and hospitals thrive.”

This year’s class consists of 14 physicians from a broad range of specialties and employment settings. Find their biographies [here](#).

**The 2023 cohort includes:**

- **Lane Beatty, M.D.**, Medical Director, Inpatient Care at Springfield Hospital
- **Justin Chuang, M.D., MPH**, Hospitalist at Central Vermont Medical Center
- **Francisco Corbalán, M.D., FAAP**, Physician Site Leader, Pediatrics at Porter Medical Center
- **Michael Gray, M.D., FACEP**, Assistant Director Emergency Medicine at Springfield Hospital
- **Michael Johnson, M.D.**, Managing Partner at Evergreen Family Health Group
- **Yelena Kogan, M.D.**, Hospitalist at Northwestern Vermont Regional Hospital
- **Jessie Leyse, M.D., MPH**, Physician Site Leader in the Infectious Disease Department at the Central Vermont Medical Center
- **Douglas Nilson, M.D.**, Emergency Department Director, Springfield Hospital
- **Colleen Moran, M.D., FAAP**, Director Inpatient Services at Northwestern Medical Center
- **Sharon Stoll, M.D.**, Primary Care Physician at NOTCH Enosburg Health Center
- **Julie Thompson, DO, FACOG**, Board Certified Obstetrician Gynecologist and Functional Medicine Certified Practitioner, specializing in Gynecology at Vermont Gynecology

- **Matt Vernon, M.D.**, Medical Staff President at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center
- **Kate Wagner, M.D., FACOG**, Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Porter Medical Center
- **Jamie Wolf, M.D.**, Pain Medicine Specialist at University of Vermont Medical Center

VMSERF also congratulates the 19 clinicians who participated in the [2021/2022](#) cohort and graduated from the course that started in the January 2022.

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**About the Vermont Medical Society Education and Research Foundation:** The VMSERF is a nonprofit charitable organization sponsored by the Vermont Medical Society to advance the public good by supporting educational and research activities in the field of health. For more information about the VMSERF Physician Executive Leadership Institute the visit <https://vtmd.org/physician-executive-leadership-institute/>

**About the Daniel Hanley Center for Health Leadership:** Over the past 10 years, the Daniel Hanley Center for Health Leadership has built a first-in-the-nation program that develops physician leaders through intensive, national-caliber professional development coursework. Developed in collaboration with a wide range of physicians and healthcare leaders, Hanley's PELI program has launched year-long courses across Maine & New Hampshire since 2011. [www.hanleyleadership.org](http://www.hanleyleadership.org)

**About Lumunos:** Vermont-based and deployed in more than 35 hospitals over a decade, Lumunos Clinician Well-Being Services focus on personal leadership skills and resilience. In Lumunos' unique cohort model, participants process their leadership challenges and gain wisdom through guided conversation with trusted peers. <https://www.lumunoswellbeing.org/>

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