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I am proud of being both a clinician and a researcher (with protected time and funding to conduct my research) at my current position. Had it not been for the dedicated mentors I had at BMC that instilled in me an interested for research, I would not have pursued further research training in fellowship.

The collegiality at BMC is second-to-none. I have worked/trained at various institutions and can say confidently that the camaraderie at BMC is special. You develop lifelong friendships not only with your fellow interns, but with other graduating years, specialties, and even your attendings. On various occasions, I've reached out to old friends/classmates whom I haven't spoken with in years, and the conversation picks up as if it was only yesterday that we were sitting in a work room crunching out discharge summaries together.

BMC prepared me for many aspects of my career, including my current academic and research positions. More importantly, it provided me with the training and confidence that I could go to any clinical setting in the world upon graduating and know I had the clinical skill set to succeed. Think about that... whereas I went on to pursue a fellowship in nephrology at Johns Hopkins, I had colleagues that geared up to help with the Ebola outbreak, others that went on to practice care in rural, third world settings, etc. BMC equips you with the skills you need to take the next steps in your career.