

ATA Fellows' Educational Track 2013

Private Practice

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General Comments

- Decision regarding career choices
- Advantages of Private Practice
 - Flexibility
 - Independence
 - Patient centered
 - National shortage of Endocrinologists
- Disadvantages
 - Unknown future
 - Hours

Types of Practices

- Private
 - Group
 - Partner Track
 - Employee
 - Solo
- Hospital based
- Mixture
- Thyroid/Diabetes/General Endocrine

Ancillary Services

- Lab
- Ultrasound (FNA)
- DEXA
- X-ray
- MRI/CT

Challenges

- Electronic Medical Record
- Insurers/Billing/Coding
 - Outsourced
 - Intra-practice
- Hospital based- RVU's
- Coverage (“call”)

Necessary Skills

- Radioactive Iodine Ablation
- Thyroid ultrasonography, FNA
- Insulin pump management

Interaction

- OB-GYN
- Surgeons
- Primary Care physicians
- Diabetes Educators, Diabetes Team

- Your office
 - Physician extenders
 - Employees

Academic Ties

- Societies
- Committees
- Grand rounds
- Opportunities for research
 - Physician initiated trials
 - Large pharma trials
 - Current studies
 - Case studies

Political Action

- AACE-PAC

Tips

- Contract review
- Mentors; colleagues
- “Be Good, Do Good” (John Adams)
 - Pursuit of Excellence
 - Responsibility-- Community Needs
 - Flexibility; Attitude; Commitment
- Family; Hobbies

Resources

- ATA
- AACE
 - National services
 - Chapter
- Endocrine Society
- ADA