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Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention



Dr. Bates, a native of Maine and a graduate of Bates College and the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, is certified in Osteopathic Family Medicine with Certificates of Added Qualification in both Geriatric Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Care. Dr. Bates previously served as the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine where he engaged in numerous activities including the establishment of clinical training centers, the formation of a postgraduate consortium (OPTI) and the founding of MatureCare, a multi professional geriatric group (MatureCare) responsible for services to residents of long term and subacute rehabilitation facilities. He secured grants emphasizing rural and patient centered primary care health professions training, creating the infrastructure for a Department of Family Medicine and a Department of Geriatric Medicine. He twice served as Acting Dean and Vice President for Health Services. Dr. Bates left the University of New England to become the Senior Vice President of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners where he oversaw the development and administration of computer based licensing examinations for osteopathic medicine and related health professions. In addition to an extensive list of professional and public presentations on curriculum development, test construction and patient centered care, he has peer reviewed publications in the realm of the validity and reliability of high stakes licensing tests.

Dr. Bates has just been appointed as the Medical Director for the Center for Disease Control of the Department of Health and Human Services for the State of Maine.

