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Mark A. Levine, MD, a professor of medicine at the University of Vermont, is currently the associate dean for graduate medical education and designated institutional official at the College of Medicine and the UVM Medical Center. He also serves as the vice chair for education in the department of medicine. Levine obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from the University of Connecticut and received his medical degree from the University of Rochester. He completed his internal medicine residency and a chief resident year at the University of Vermont and a fellowship in general internal medicine at the University of North Carolina, which emphasized clinical epidemiology, research training, teaching, and administration of educational programs.

Levine has gained a reputation as an outstanding teacher and educational program innovator, receiving teaching awards from the medical school and the department of medicine. He has successfully directed large NIH and HRSA educational grants addressing the generalist physician and nutrition-preventive medicine competencies he cares deeply about from a population health perspective.

Levine actively practices general internal medicine with special interests in solving complex diagnostic dilemmas, health promotion/disease prevention, screening, and clinical nutrition. This provides him with personal perspective on the challenges our healthcare system holds for physicians as well as patients. Further insights have come through leadership and advocacy roles he has assumed locally and nationally with the American College of Physicians (the largest physician specialty organization in the United States), where he is on the board of regents and was formerly governor of the Vermont chapter, and the Vermont Medical Society, where he has been vice-president and president-elect. He has also been a longstanding member of the Vermont Department of Health primary care-public health integration workgroup. At the nexus of Levine's clinical, education, public health, and advocacy efforts is his heightened interest in improving health at the population level through health policy directed at fostering a culture of health.