

**Dear Prospective Residents,**

I was born in New York City and raised in New Jersey, ultimately graduating from Rutgers – New Jersey Medical School. I completed residency at the West Virginia University Emergency Medicine Residency program. I have lived in Sioux Falls, SD and worked at Sanford Health since 2016. My wife grew up in Philip, SD which led us to move and be closer to family. Ever since I have been proud to be a part of this amazing health system and to be on the frontline, in the Emergency Department, at its flagship facility.

When news broke that our hospital would sponsor an Emergency Medicine residency, I jumped at the opportunity to be its Assistant Program Director. This system has what it takes to train excellent Emergency Physicians. The Sanford USD Medical Center offers a world class, high acuity, resource rich clinical environment. Our Emergency Medicine Residency will bring together diverse didactics, hands-on simulation, board preparation, asynchronous materials, strong clinical ultrasound education and a variety of electives. Our dedicated faculty are committed to being your guide, coach and educator.

I have always had a passion for teaching and consider education an integral part of being a physician. Throughout my training, I subconsciously molded my concept of the ideal physician. I envisioned a physician that is willing and ready to treat anyone, anywhere and at any time. This physician's scope is only limited to the needs of the patient in front of them. I see Emergency Medicine residency as the path to becoming this physician.

As your APD I wish to ensure that every resident in our program will graduate with the skills and confidence to “do what needs to be done” for any patient in any setting and will look back on their training with fond memories and gratitude. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of one of the most impactful parts of your career!

**I look forward to assisting you in defining your own ideal and finding a path to fruition.**

**Kenji Hamanaka, MD**