

ArMA's partnership with Tiromed.com

Dear ArMA Members,

As a co-founder of Tiromed.com, it is an honor to announce our partnership with the Arizona Medical Association.

Tiromed.com is an international online knowledge and mentor network for physicians and students of medicine. This site was developed to facilitate communication not only between peers at the same academic and professional level, but to allow cross-communications between all levels of knowledge and experience. In this manner, medical students can communi-



cate with residents, residents with practicing physicians, and physicians with physicians of various experiences and training worldwide.

The revolution of the internet and more importantly, the recent developments of user generated

content, social networks and internet user exchange, have spawned a new era of opportunity and communication. The future of this era will not only entail an ability to find indexed information faster, but to also find individuals who can personally provide answers to particular questions and concerns.

Imagine the case of the newly board-certified medical resident who abruptly enters the world of practicing medicine. He or she will likely have no background in law, healthcare, practice management or finance to draw on in starting a private practice or joining an existing group and negotiating a contract. Using our mentor services, a dialog can be entered into whereby the experiences of other physicians can be used to better understand some of these new concerns. Further, there are non-physicians on the site who are adept in practice management, legal issues, and financial issues, and who are available for information and advice as well. Even communication between peers who recently went through the same transition can be very valuable in circumventing common pitfalls.

The fact that Tiromed is an international site with more than 70 countries represented offers a special opportunity to members of this site that is unique to any current site on the web. This allows a physician in one country to easily contact a similar physician in another country to explore clinical topics, practice and lifestyle issues, and even exchange information on their respective countries. Certainly, if you were planning a trip to another country, you might even be able to arrange to meet this colleague and be introduced to the very unique ex-



perience of seeing that country through the eyes and experiences of a peer in medicine.

Finally, through our partnership with ArMA, Tiromed allows you to find, network and communicate with your fellow members in a novel way. By registering with Tiromed and visiting www.tiromed.com/arma you will be able to view other ArMA members and engage in discussion with them. You are also able to show your support for ArMA by posting an ArMA e-badge on your personal profile page within the Tiromed website.

We encourage you to take a look at this new web site and most especially, ArMA's dedicated association page: www.tiromed.com/arma.

We are very excited by our recent partnership with ArMA and look forward to seeing you on Tiromed.com.

Sincerely,

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