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Physician Alliance

Explore What It's Really Like to be a Doctor

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2026

Time: 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: Auditorium, Jack & Sheryl Morris Cancer Center – RWJUH, New Brunswick, NJ

Event Agenda

9:00 - 9:30	Student Check-in
9:30 - 10:00	Opening Presentation
10:00 - 12:00	Station Rotation
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch Break
1:00 - 2:00	Station Rotation
2:00 - 3:10	Panel Discussion
3:10 - 3:25	Closing Remarks
3:25-3:30	Group Photo

Students will rotate through 8–10 interactive stations in small groups (8–10 students per station, 15–20 minutes each).

Interactive Station Overview



Dr. Ritu Nahar
Gastroenterology



Dr. Rashmi Acharya
OB-GYN



Dr. Yuriy Ivanov
CPR RWJ Anesthesia



Dr. Sanjukta Sanyal
Cardiology



Dr. Nidhi Goel
Psychiatrist



Dr. Advait Bongu
Transplant Surgery



Dr. Anthony Lemaire
Surgery-Thoracic & Cardiac



Dr. Sonia Varma
Dentistry



Dr. Haritha Potluri
Pulmonary Asthma



Dr. Sergio Sanchez
Primary Care



Dr. Xinye Wu
Nephrology

Panelists



Dr. Gloria Bachmann
Moderator



Dr. Chris Gilligan
Panelist



Dr. Rachna Kulkarni
Panelist



Dr. Suaray Mafudia
Panelist



Dr. Sergio Sanchez
Panelist



Dr. Xinye Wu
Panelist



Dr. Archana Pradhan
Panelist

What to Expect on Event Day

- **Registration:** Students will receive a **lab coat, stethoscope, and name tag** at check-in.
- **Small-Group Rotations:** Students will be placed in **groups of 8–10** and rotate through **8–10 interactive healthcare stations**, remaining with the same group throughout the day.
- **Try Real Clinical Skills:** At stations, you'll practice simple hands-on skills like listening to heart and lung sounds, measuring vitals, and using basic medical tools, all with guidance from physicians and volunteers.
- **Guidance & Support:** Event helpers and volunteers will guide students between stations, meal areas, and restrooms to keep the program running smoothly.
- **Essay Recognition:** **Three essays** will be selected as winners and recognized on stage. A **PDF of all submitted essays** will be shared after the event.
- **Meals:** **Breakfast and lunch are provided for students only** (dietary needs accommodated as noted during registration).
- **Parents & Guardians:** Accompanying parents/guardians will wait in a **designated waiting area** and may not be permitted inside the main program hall.
- **A calm, hands-on day:** The day is broken into small, simple blocks so it never feels overwhelming. Plenty of breaks, chances to ask questions, and time to just look around.
- **Closing:** **A group photo** with all participants will be taken at the end of the day.

*Thank you to our physicians, mentors, and volunteers for inspiring the next generation of healthcare leaders.
Thank you to our students for taking the first step toward a future in medicine.*