
Tributes

I have known Frank Lucente since his arrival at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in the 1970s. Frank was a scholar, educator and master administrator who had a vision for medical education at all levels and was able to create learning environments at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary and Downstate Medical Center where he is currently Chairman Emeritus and Associate Dean for Education. He also has graced the National Stage with major contributions to most of our academic societies. It is truly a pleasure to work with Frank on educational projects and to be able to contribute to a volume in his honor.

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It is a pleasure to contribute to this issue honoring our mentor, teacher and friend Dr Frank Lucente. We are grateful recipients of his leadership as our chairman during the impressionable residency training years. And he has remained a beacon of knowledge, wisdom and inspiration to us.

Dr Lucente taught us to not overlook the everyday, the mundane, the taken-for-granted aspects of medical care. It is precisely in the everyday activities that opportunity exists for learning and advancement. It is with this spirit that we chose to explore cerumen hygiene where we feel there is a significant opportunity to challenge the status quo, for advancement in our medical specialty and to the betterment of our patients. We are grateful to Dr Lucente for his tutelage and inspiration.

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Dr Frank E Lucente is the brightest, kindest, and most dedicated otolaryngologist in the world. His entire life's work revolves around healing patients, educating students and residents, and contributing to the advancement of our beloved specialty. Matching at SUNY Downstate for otolaryngology residency in 1992 was a blessing, and Dr Lucente was a superb chairman, teacher, surgeon, and role-model. I am eternally grateful for the profound and positive influence Dr Lucente has made on my life.

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