

Eric R Brown, MD

Born in Maine, Dr. Eric Brown grew up with rural community health always a focus in his professional life. Dr. Brown received his BA in Zoology and Sociology at Duke University and went on to attain his MD at Tufts University. With previous connections and ongoing interest in Native American Communities, he became the physician for 6 years at the Penobscot Nation Health Center in Old Town, Maine and part-time faculty for the Eastern Maine Medical Center FM Residency until 1990 when he became full-time faculty at EMMC. He is Board-certified in both Family Medicine (ABFM) and Addiction Medicine (ABAM).

Dr. Brown also serves as clinical faculty in the Departments of Family and Community Medicine at Tufts, University of New England, and University of Vermont medical schools. Along with teaching the full realm of family medicine, he has taken on a role in the residency that includes engaging medical students, residents, community physicians, and other professionals to improve individual and community response to people suffering from pain, substance abuse and addiction, domestic violence, child abuse, and access to health care.

An early adopter of office-based buprenorphine treatment for opioid dependence in 2002, he advanced the cause of outpatient opiate addiction treatment such that it is now fully integrated into the EMMC Family Medicine Residency Program. With support from the Maine Health Access Foundation Dr. Brown successfully developed an integrated, sustainable, primary care program for office-based opioid treatment; a program that is seen as a model locally and nationally. He continues to be the medical director of the Wellspring Men's and Women's Halfway Houses in Bangor, Maine. Dr. Brown's medical interests also include at-risk obstetrics patients, especially mothers with issues of substance abuse, medical ethics and cultural awareness, resident and physician mental health, and hypnosis.

He is passionate about enjoying everything Maine offers with his wife Jean: hiking, kayaking, cross country skiing, hockey, woodworking, playing congas/light percussion in his band, and contra dancing.