

Society of Physician Entrepreneurs

Physicians are an amazing resource of talents. Doctors spend massive amounts of time slowly building these talents to provide the best possible care to patients. Empathy, leadership, judgement, knowledge, experience, communication....these are just some of the exceptionally exciting pieces of the puzzle that is: doctor. However, there are so many more. After all, a typical physician can expect to spend no less than a decade training post high school graduation (in the best of circumstances). Why wouldn't each and every physician who goes through the gauntlet of undergraduate studies, medical school, and then residency (not to mention fellowship) be considered a subject matter expert? How can physicians, who have so many talents, use those talents outside of clinical medicine?

The Society of Physician Entrepreneurs is a not for profit, global, open biomedical and clinical innovation and entrepreneurship network established in 2011. Our mission is to help members get their ideas to patients by providing them with education and access to resources, networks, mentors, experience, peer to peer support and entrepreneurial career guidance via our chapter network meetings, online events, social media sites and our members only Slack channel. We want to help physicians develop their talents and subject matter expertise outside of clinical training in the entrepreneurial world. We are an open innovation network, also encouraging non-physician healthcare workers to join our international community at <http://www.sopenet.org>.

The Central Kentucky Chapter of SoPE was started in 2021 to expand the reach of this non-profit to our region. Central KY is a hub of business, medicine, and technology well suited to foster the entrepreneurial efforts of physicians and other healthcare workers. I believe that by formally networking our regional talents with those of the at-large SoPE community, we can all capitalize on the experience, knowledge, and natural qualities of our healthcare experts.

Doctors have exceptional training in patient care, less so in creating or managing a business. The Central KY Chapter of SoPE is here to help bridge the divide between the human capital of our healthcare workforce's talents and the available network, mentorship, and business experience of the SoPE community here and abroad. Membership information can be found <http://www.sopenet.org>. Meetings occur both in person and virtually at this time 3-4x/year. If you have ever considered starting a business, following a non-clinical pursuit, developing an idea for market, or just want to learn more about entrepreneurship consider joining. For additional information or questions, please contact one of the chapter leaders.

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