

My Fellow Residents;

For those of you who I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, my name is Andrew Sifain, and I am currently a CA2 in the department of Anesthesia. I am also a PGY5, having completed 3 years of Internal Medicine prior to entering Anesthesia. Additionally, this will be my third year running in the UBRC, as well as having served two years on the GMEC, and currently residing as the resident representative to the UB Resident Benefits Committee. It is my pleasure to have witnessed the profound growth and development of the UBRC over these past couple of years, as we have tackled and achieved our goals of improving resident life, and structured various developments on both a University as well as individual hospital settings.

We are fast approaching a new frontier in the University's history, with the inception of the Berger Commission, and its agenda in unifying the Medical School under one University Hospital at the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. In the upcoming years, I believe the UBRC will play a critical role, under the auspices of the GME, in helping determine resident role, and governance in this new setting. As elected representatives for our respective departments, it is now our onus to provide feedback and consider the needs and accommodations of our fellow workers. Additionally, as Clinical Instructors and faculty under the University, we are in a prime position to assist and accommodate medical students, as they excel and advance in their studies to fill the roles of future residents, and physicians.

I look forward to working with you all, as I reiterate that it is my pleasure and honor to serve in this noble endeavor, as we rise to the occasion, heading always, with our eyes looking to the future.

Sincerely,

Andy Sifain