



# Bringing Passion and Expertise to INTERLINK's Educational Programs

## A Spotlight on Dr. Richard Freeman

INTERLINK is thrilled to spotlight Dr. Richard Freeman, our esteemed Medical Director, and the invaluable contributions he makes to our educational initiatives. With a distinguished career in transplant surgery and a deep commitment to advancing the field, Dr. Freeman has been a driving force behind INTERLINK's mission to provide our partners with the latest insights and best practices.

### The Path To INTERLINK

Richard's path to INTERLINK was a natural progression from his impressive clinical work. After years of pioneering advancements in transplant medicine, including serving in leadership roles with prestigious organizations like **UNOS** (*United Network for Organ Sharing*), **OPTN** (*Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network*), and **SRTR** (*Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients*), he was ready to shift his focus to making a broader impact. "I was sad that I wasn't as involved with transplant as I had been," he shared. "But I didn't want to be traveling 100,000 miles and going to all these different meetings all the time."

When he discovered the Medical Director role at INTERLINK, he knew it was the perfect fit. "The more I learned about INTERLINK and what the role could be, the more I thought, this is a great fit," he explained. "INTERLINK is really driven by quality, and the company understands that the best-performing programs are also the most cost-effective. That's something that, believe it or not, is not that common an understanding around the healthcare world."

## BENEFIT FROM INTERLINKS MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

### Education & Training:

Dr. Freeman trained at Harvard's New England Deaconess Hospital, completed a transplant fellowship, and has built a career across major academic and clinical leadership roles.

He previously served as Surgeon-in-Chief at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and is currently the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Surgery at Tufts.

He has also been the Medical Director at INTERLINK since 2022.

He has held faculty appointments at Harvard, St. Elizabeth's, Dartmouth, the University of Texas at Austin, Boston University, and the McCombs School of Business.

His career includes multiple teaching awards, repeated Oliver Smith Awards for excellence and compassion, and more than a decade of recognition in **"Best Doctors in America."**





Dr. Freeman's passion for INTERLINK's mission is palpable, and he has embraced the opportunity to share his expertise through our educational programs. From leading **RIT** (*Reinsurance Integration Training*) sessions to participating in our popular Medical Roundtables, his contributions have been invaluable.

“I think it's really important to keep the entire field well informed,” Dr. Freeman said. “There's a lot of misinformation out there online and elsewhere, along with rumors and other inaccuracies. When we focus on sharing clear, up-to-date facts, it helps the RIT case managers do their jobs better. And naturally, it also makes them want to work with INTERLINK, which is a win all around.”

### Teaching with INTERLINK

Dr. Freeman's deep understanding of the ever-evolving landscape of organ transplantation, combined with his engaging teaching style, has made him a highly sought-after presenter. “Keeping up with everything is a real challenge,” he acknowledged. “That's where our educational programs come in. We work to distill all of the information into something manageable and useful, rather than overwhelming people with constant noise. There's so much out there, both good and bad, and our goal is to make it easier to focus on what truly matters.”

As INTERLINK continues to expand our educational offerings, we are grateful to have his expertise and passion guiding the way. His commitment to quality, his wealth of knowledge, and his genuine desire to make a difference in the lives of patients and providers alike make him an invaluable asset to our team.



We are honored to have Dr. Freeman as part of the INTERLINK family, and we look forward to continuing to collaborate with him to elevate the standard of care in the transplant community.



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