

July 9, 1974

Dr. Russel Luepker,
Cardiology Division
Peter Bent Brigham Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Russ:

We would be most excited to have you here, under any circumstances, and to arrange a trip out for discussion. The enclosed fellowships might be of interest.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

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cc: H. L. Taylor

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+ attached NIH announcement*

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August 28, 1974

Henry Blackburn, M.D.
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Dear Dr. Blackburn:

Thank you for your recent letters and information regarding fellowships in cardiac epidemiology.

Now that I have finished with Dr. Gorlin's clinical rotation and have more time, I would like to explore the opportunities available in your department.

Is it convenient for you to have me visit your laboratory Thursday and Friday September 12,13? If those dates are not acceptable perhaps the following week is better?

I will look forward to hearing from you so I can make final arrangements.

Sincerely,

Russell V. Luepker, M.D.

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Prepare check to cover
Travel (as consultant 3 days)
make reservation at Mayfield
our expense for 12 hr 1 night.
thurs

\$191.27
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September 10, 1974

MEMORANDUM

TO: Drs. Jay Cohn, H. Burchell, R. Ebert, Y. Wang, I. Frantz, A. From,
C. Jorgenson, H. Taylor, R. Prineas, R. Crow, A. Leon, D. Jacobs

FROM: Henry Blackburn

Dr. Russell Luepker, Senior Cardiology Fellow at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, will be visiting the Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene and the Division of Cardiology on Monday and Tuesday, September 16 & 17. He is an outstanding young physician with an active interest in the preventive aspects of cardiology. I hope that you can set aside a little time to meet with him during that period and can let me know whether you will be able to join us for lunch at the Campus Club at 12 noon, Tuesday, Sept. 17, in Room 406 in the East Wing.

December 31, 1974

Russell Leupker, M.D.
Peter Bent Brigham Hospital
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Dear Russ,

Anything new on your plans? You mentioned coming out in the dead of winter to try it on. I think that's a little hard on yourselves to come unacclimated and to hit maybe a couple of the 10 days a year when we simply avoid getting caught outdoors. As a Floridian, I assume you the weather is great, and greatly superior to that of Boston!

I have made good contact with the Public School Systems and will be holding a series of meetings during the year to plan longer term efforts in the community, including youth. It would be interesting and worthwhile to have you in on one of the meetings.

Otherwise things move along briskly. I was very impressed with the early results of the Stanford Three Town's study which encourages us to move this way in the future. Will you try to come to the C.V. Epidemiology meeting in Tampa on March 10 and 11, or the A. C. Cardiology meeting in Houston February 10-13?

Best regards,

Henry Blackburn, M.D.

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(dictated, not read)



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September 18, 1974

Russell V. Luepker, M.D.
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Dear Russ:

Irrespective of your immediate decision, we are unanimous here in our delight over your career choice as well as your real interest in our laboratory and Minnesota. You are a first class candidate for an academic position at Minnesota and we would welcome you to this fertile environment. I am glad that neither of us is in an imminent bind or under pressure to "fill a slot", and you will not be pressured or seduced, but rather your free decision will be respected. You can know that we will exert our utmost thought and preparation and negotiating skills in arranging a situation appropriate to your interest and skills if you indicate that we should proceed. You can know that you will have academic freedom here to develop your interests to the fullest. And you will have an area of research, in the young, that you can consider your very own to develop, with all the support we can muster to aid you and all the consultation and help in planning which you might want or need.

We will understand if your present favorable professional and home situation leads you to take an MPH at Harvard. I personally believe that you will acquire and can acquire anywhere, the information and skills you seek. You might very well enter more fully and earlier into your preparation and exposure here than in Boston, but either way would surely suffice.

We await news and will welcome and support another visit, with your wife, at any time. I will take the liberty of sending to you plans, reprints and other evidence of activities and our thinking here. I would like your ideas and will solicit your help in formulating approaches to studies among the young, and in the community, if it appears appropriate to initiate plans, and grant applications in the next period. The research career awards and institutional research fellowships should be pursued while they are warm. I also would like to circulate to all here your C.V. and references when I receive them.

Cordially,

Henry Blackburn, M. D.

CC: 20 academic staff
Jay Cohn
Howard Burchell
Lee Stauffer

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J. Did we send him a copy of the Tolim-Paines application?

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letter sent 9/18/74
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