

FAMILY MEDICINE

The objectives of the Department of Family Medicine are to:

1. Provide medical students and residents with education and training that exemplifies excellence, compassion, and wholeness in the family medicine specialty.
2. Educate students and residents to provide evidence-based, best-practice, chronic-disease care that spans the arc of care—from prevention to management of palliative care.
3. Teach students to evaluate and manage common problems at the primary-care level, providing continuing and comprehensive health care for individuals of all genders and ages.
4. Teach students and residents skills necessary for taking a spiritual history, and for incorporating spiritual and psychosocial dimensions into the biomedical aspects of clinical care.
5. Introduce students and residents to the use of a systems approach and quality-improvement techniques to improve patient safety as well as assure the delivery of best-practice, evidence-based care to a population of patients.
6. Introduce students to family physician role models so that students will be able to make informed choices regarding family medicine as a career option.

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