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New Records Set at FMEC 2024 Annual Meeting

DAYTON, OHIO – For the 40th year, from September 19-21, 2024, family physicians, other family medicine faculty, residents, medical students and more gathered for an exciting Annual Meeting. The event kicked off on Thursday with preconferences and special events. Workshops, seminars, plenaries and more filled Friday and Saturday, with each night capped off by a busy Residency Fair. FMEC was excited to be in Philadelphia, a leader in medical education since the 1700s. About 1 out of every 6 U.S. doctors has received training in Philadelphia, thanks to the many excellent medical institutions.

Participation in the FMEC Annual Meeting broke records for the organization. The FMEC was pleased to welcome 1,260 people to the meeting, including 367 medical students, 309 residents, 529 faculty and other post-training professionals, 47 exhibitors representing 28 companies, and 8 staff and volunteers. The Residency Fair also set a new record, with 102 family medicine residency training programs welcoming medical students from all over the northeast region. The new attendance record of 1,260 is followed by 1,059 the previous year in Providence, Rhode Island and 959 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania in 2019.

Plenary sessions challenged and inspired attendees and showed the breadth of family medicine. On Friday afternoon, Margot L. Savoy, MD, MPH, FAFAP of the American Academy of Family Physicians presented “The Value Proposition for Physician Wellness in Family Medicine.” Through compelling data on primary care and the story of Fred the dung beetle, she encouraged family physicians to share their stories to drive change. On Friday evening, Jim Zervanos shared his compelling story of cancer and what healthcare providers can learn from his experience in his talk, “Five Lessons From a Patient on Matters of Life and Death.” On Saturday afternoon, Anita Ravi, MD, MPH, FAFAP shared her stick figure drawings and how she followed her passion and unique interests to help survivors of gender-based violence in her talk, “The Art of ‘Unlearning’ to Advance Health Equity: The Purple Health Story.”

A total of 151 posters – also a new record – were also presented at the meeting. New this year, the FMEC started programming for the meeting earlier on Friday and was able to eliminate all programming on Sunday, allowing attendees to return home to family and work on Saturday evening.

For more information and photos, view the [2024 Annual Meeting Wrap-Up Report](#), and see the [FMEC 2024 Annual Meeting Program](#) for more information on sessions, posters, sponsors, and more.

The FMEC 2025 Annual Meeting will be held September 18-20, 2025 at the Huntington Convention Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

About the Family Medicine Education Consortium

The FMEC is a catalyst, convener, and incubator that connects family physicians and other stakeholders to improve the health communities by strengthening family medicine, primary care and medical education. The FMEC serves 14 states and the District of Columbia in the northeast region of the U.S., working with 60 medical



school departments of family medicine, over 220 family medicine residency programs, and thousands of family physicians and other health care providers in community settings. Through an Annual Meeting for over 1,000 health professionals, annual awards, learning communities, and quality improvement projects, the FMEC inspires medical students to seek careers in family medicine, strengthens academic family medicine through faculty development and leadership experiences, and stimulates innovative approaches to primary care service delivery.