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Over 1,000 Attend FMEC 2023 Annual Meeting

DAYTON, OHIO – The FMEC 2023 Annual Meeting was held October 13-15, 2023, at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, RI. For the 39th year, family physicians, residents, medical students and their supporters from the northeast U.S. gathered for an exciting Annual Meeting.

The FMEC was pleased to welcome over 1,000 people to the meeting, including 300 medical students, 262 residents, 426 faculty and other post-training professionals, 11 high school students, 50 exhibitors representing 32 companies, and 10 staff and volunteers. 93 family medicine residency training programs welcomed medical students from all over the northeast region – setting a new record for the FMEC – and continued our mission to advance our goal of exposing medical students to family medicine.

Plenary sessions challenged and educated attendees and showed the breadth of family medicine. Friday's plenary by Dr. Izzy Lowell focused on transgender healthcare; Dr. Renee Crichlow spoke Saturday morning about how family medicine has risen to recent challenges; and Dr. Manisha Kumar closed out the meeting on Sunday with a plenary about working from incident Doctors Without Borders in Africa, to change its policies and practices around abortion, saving thousands of women's lives in the process. Everyone left the meeting feeling inspired by what family physicians can accomplish.

A total of 113 posters were presented at the meeting. The FMEC recognized 6 posters, including 1st-3rd places in a general category and a student category. New this year, the FMEC worked with the Rhode Island Chapter of HOSA – Future Health Professionals of America to include about a dozen high school students in the poster session and on a panel.

The FMEC thanks the many sponsors of the meeting, including ChenMed, One Medical, UPMC, Atrius Health, Geisinger, Intend Health Strategies, Navigate, PracticeLink, Rosh Review, Stamford Health, and WellSpan Health.

For more information and photos, view the <u>2023 Annual Meeting Wrap-Up Report</u>, and see the <u>FMEC 2023</u> Annual Meeting Program for more information on sessions, posters, sponsors, and more.

The call for submissions for the FMEC 2024 Annual Meeting will open in December 2023. The FMEC 2024 Annual Meeting will be held September 19-21, 2024 at the Philadelphia Marriott in Philadelphia, PA.

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 200 family medicine residency programs, and thousands of family physicians and other health care providers in community settings. Through an Annual Meeting for nearly 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.