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### **FMEC Announces Providence, Rhode Island as 2023 Annual Meeting Host**

DAYTON, OHIO – The Family Medicine Education Consortium (FMEC) will hold its 2023 Annual Meeting at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, Rhode Island from October 13-15, 2023.

Every year, the FMEC hosts a dynamic and innovative Annual Meeting in the northeastern US for medical students, family medicine residents, faculty and others involved in family medicine. At the conference, attendees participate in over 200 peer-reviewed scholarly sessions, hands-on workshops, and poster presentations. A residency program recruitment fair features as many as 90 programs. Through a robust scholarship initiative, the FMEC is able to bring hundreds of medical students to the Annual Meeting to consider family medicine for their careers and to meet with residency programs. The Annual Meeting is also the forum for the FMEC to recognize excellence in family medicine and primary care through its many award programs. Networking opportunities abound.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FMEC Annual Meeting was steadily growing, reaching over 1,000 participants in Lancaster, PA in 2019. The 2022 Annual Meeting, scheduled for September 16-18, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA is expected to return to this trend. The FMEC expects an even bigger and better 2023 meeting. Programs and events will be held at the Rhode Island Convention Center (One Sabin Street, Providence, RI 02903-1814), and official meeting lodging will be at the Omni Providence and Graduate Providence hotels. All FMEC Annual Meeting activity will be within a 2-3 block radius.

The FMEC was last in New England in 2015, when the organization met in Danvers, Massachusetts, and the FMEC leadership is excited to be returning to New England. "I had a lot of incredible experiences in Providence and I'm looking forward to returning with the FMEC crew. Attending Brown University and living in Providence was my first extended experience away from home and I was so warmly embraced with the rich traditions and culture of this amazing community," says incoming FMEC President Leon McCrea II, MD, MPH, Associate Professor; Senior Associate Dean of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Family, Community and Preventive Medicine Department, Drexel University College of Medicine. "It's important to the FMEC that we rotate the meeting location throughout our 14-state region, and it will have been 8 years since we were in New England, so we are overdue to return. Not only will we continue to have all our great sessions and speakers, but we will be right downtown in Providence, in easy walking distance of great restaurants, nightlife and attractions."

Providence combines the accessibility and friendliness of a small town with the culture and sophistication of a big city. With a thriving arts community, vibrant and diverse neighborhoods, outstanding hotels, a renowned restaurant scene, and so many things to do, Providence is an ideal location for the FMEC Annual Meeting. Providence is also easy to reach by air, rail or highway. Nearby Warwick's Rhode Island T.F. Green International Airport is just 10 minutes from Providence, while Amtrak and MBTA rail service will drop you off just steps away from the FMEC meeting venues.



Program proposal, award submission and registration deadlines for the FMEC 2022 Annual Meeting will be announced in November 2022. Faculty, residents and students should be prepared to submit educational program proposals in December/January, as an early February 2023 deadline is anticipated. Organizations interested in sponsoring the meeting, contributing to FMEC student scholarship program, participating in the Residency Fair, or purchasing an exhibit booth should contact the FMEC (see the [FMEC staff directory](#) for the appropriate contact).

**About the Family Medicine Education Consortium**

The Family Medicine Education Consortium, Inc. (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, 190 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.

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