



# Family Medicine Education Consortium

The [Family Medicine Education Consortium \(www.fmec.net\)](http://www.fmec.net) is a catalyst, convener, and incubator that connects those interested in improving health by strengthening family medicine/primary care services and medical education. The FMEC mission is to **improve the health of the nation by strengthening family medicine and primary care to meet its full potential**. The FMEC is a non-profit organization incorporated in Ohio (FEIN 31-1436038).

## Where does the FMEC operate?

The FMEC serves **14 states and the District of Columbia in the northeastern U.S.**, from New England to Virginia and west to Ohio. FMEC's constituency in these states includes nearly **60 Medical School Departments of Family Medicine and 215 family medicine residency programs** accepting about 1,300 first year residents annually. The FMEC region graduates over 9,600 medical students, with about one-quarter from osteopathic medical schools. Combined, the FMEC region is home to 35,733 professional active family physicians (KFF, September 2021).



## Who belongs to the FMEC?

FMEC offers [Individual Memberships](#) (\$30 for Residents and Fellows, \$75 for others) as well as [Organizational and Academic Partnerships](#) for health systems, departments of family medicine and family medicine residency programs (\$1,000 to \$25,000 and over). Over 90 institutions have joined the FMEC. We regularly communicate to over 5,000 individuals who are members, organizational partners, and past meeting attendees.

## What does the FMEC do?

- **Annual Meeting:** Every year, the FMEC features 400+ sessions at its lively and innovative [Annual Meeting](#), rotating through states in the northeastern U.S. Over 300 medical students come on scholarships each year and become energized about family medicine. Residents gain presenting experience and get exposed to new ideas and experts. Program directors and faculty present and connect to inspire future collaboration. The FMEC accepts nearly all program submissions, working with authors to improve them before presentation, which helps residents and faculty meet scholarly activity goals. The meeting's Residency Fair typically has 90-100 individual programs represented.
- **Quality Improvement:** The FMEC is changing care and promoting innovation through its learning networks and QI initiatives. The FMEC engages teams across residencies to support cost-effective, innovative changes to primary care service delivery on a wide range of topics, including hereditary cancer, oral health, reproductive health and 4<sup>th</sup> trimester care, whole-person health, and more.
- **Leadership Development:** Access to thousands of faculty helps the FMEC identify and promote emerging experts on different topics, and convening them regularly encourages sharing and collaboration to strengthen all training programs across the region and the country.
- **Communications:** FMEC communicates via a [monthly newsletter](#), periodic emails, press releases, a job listing newsletter and more to a database of over 5,000 key contact individuals, and our social media reaches thousands more.
- **Awards:** The FMEC presents numerous [annual awards](#) to recognize excellence in family medicine and primary care in the region and nationally.

Since restarting live meetings after COVID, the FMEC has continued to grow. The 2024 Annual Meeting attracted over 1,200 people to the meeting, including 367 medical students, 309 residents, 529 faculty and other post-training professionals, 47 exhibit staff, and 8 staff and volunteers. The Residency Fair set a new record with 102 programs.





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## Why partner with the FMEC?

Organizations who support family medicine and primary care are encouraged to work with the FMEC by becoming **sponsors, exhibitors, or collaborators on education and quality improvement (QI) projects.**

The FMEC is uniquely positioned to reach thousands of family physicians and physicians in training with education, QI, and patient/public education materials. Among the FMEC's leadership and membership are many nationally-known authorities from hundreds of academic institutions, putting our work at the forefront in terms of expertise and innovation. Because we work directly with **hundreds of medical school and residency program faculty**, our interventions can not only improve care and change physician behavior today but can also become institutionalized as part of curricula and continue to impact trainees for years to come. The FMEC has:

The FMEC can serve as a **testing ground for new initiatives**, sharing materials and collecting feedback on what will make them successful in training programs and in primary care.

- Access to thousands of family physicians, academic medicine faculty and others
- Expertise in medical school and graduate medical education requirements and curricula
- Ability to influence training for future primary care physicians
- Commitment to supporting medical students interested in family medicine and primary care, for instance by providing scholarships for 300 students to attend our Annual Meeting each year
- Capacity to start and spread initiatives due to our large, regional footprint and established success in connecting and convening family medicine leaders
- Ability to identify and create advocates and leaders on a wide range of clinical, social and other topics
- Audience of over 1,000 at our renowned Annual Meeting, including 90-100 family medicine residency training programs each year
- Leaders who are also national experts and active with national family medicine and primary care organizations

## What's New for the FMEC

The FMEC will hold its 2025 Annual Meeting in Cleveland, OH (September 18-20, 2025) and its 2026 Annual Meeting in Atlantic City, NJ (September 24-26, 2026). In 2024-2025, the FMEC is launching new residency learning networks on oral health, veteran's health, whole-person health care, and breast cancer survivors, while continuing and expanding its IMPLICIT project, which improves pregnancy outcomes, 4<sup>th</sup> trimester care, and interconception care. The FMEC is also formalizing its support of residency learning networks to help programs meet ACGME requirements.

## Connect to the FMEC

The current FMEC President is [Pam Vnenchak, MD](#), who is Program Director at the Lancaster General Health/Penn Medicine Family Medicine Residency Program in Lancaster, PA. Our 17-member Board of Trustees includes diverse faculty, program directors, department heads and others from throughout the northeast U.S, and recently expanded to include resident and medical student members.

FMEC CEO [Scott G. Allen, MS](#) has 30 years of professional association experience, primarily with pediatricians, family physicians and public libraries. Mr. Allen has created and led multi-year, nationally-recognized education and QI projects on topics such as the patient-centered medical home, immunizations, developmental screening, oral health, obesity, and more. Visit [www.fmec.net](http://www.fmec.net), and contact Scott G. Allen, MS, CEO of the Family Medicine Education Consortium at [scott.allen@fmec.net](mailto:scott.allen@fmec.net) or 773-330-4331.