



Family Medicine Education Consortium

The [Family Medicine Education Consortium](http://www.fmec.net) (www.fmec.net) is a catalyst, convener, and incubator that connects those interested in improving the health of the community 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 195 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 departments of family medicine and family medicine residency programs (\$1,000 to \$25,000 and over). Nearly 70 health systems 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 200+ sessions at its lively and innovative [Annual Meeting](#), rotating through states in the northeastern U.S. About 300 medical students come on scholarships each year to consider family medicine for their careers and to meet with residency programs. Residents gain presenting experience and get exposed to new ideas and experts. Program directors and faculty present and connect to inspire future collaboration. The meeting's residency fair typically has 80-90 programs represented.
- **Quality Improvement:** The FMEC is changing care and promoting innovation through its learning communities and QI initiatives. The FMEC engages multi-institutional teams to support cost-effective, innovative changes to primary care service delivery on a wide range of topics, including oral health, narrative medicine, reproductive health and preterm/low-birthweight babies, hereditary cancers, integrative 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, and more to a database of over 5,500 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.





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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
- 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 900-1,000 at our renowned Annual Meeting, including 80-90 family medicine residency training programs each year
- Leaders who are also national experts and active with national family medicine and primary care organizations

Connect to the FMEC

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. The current FMEC President is [Leon McCrea II, MD, MPH](#), who is Associate Professor, Department of Family, Community, and Preventive Medicine; Senior Associate Dean of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Director, Drexel Pathway to Medical School at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA.

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