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1 **Int. Introduction**

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3 *Background and Intent: Programs must achieve and maintain Foundational Accreditation*
4 *according to the ACGME-I Foundational Requirements prior to receiving Advanced*
5 *Specialty Accreditation. The Advanced Specialty Requirements noted below*
6 *complement the ACGME-I Foundational Requirements. For each section, the Advanced*
7 *Specialty Requirements should be considered together with the Foundational*
8 *Requirements.*

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10 **Int. I. Definition and Scope of the Specialty**

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12 Family medicine is a primary care specialty that demonstrates high-quality care
13 within the context of a personal doctor-patient relationship and with an
14 appreciation for individual, family, and community connections. Continuity of
15 comprehensive care for the diverse patient population family physicians serve
16 is foundational to the specialty. Access, accountability, effectiveness, and
17 efficiency are essential elements of the discipline. The coordination of patient
18 care and leadership of advanced primary care practices and evolving health
19 care systems are additional vital roles for family physicians.

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21 **Int. II. Duration of Education**

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23 Int. II.A. The educational program in family medicine must be 36 or 48 months in length.

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25 **I. Institution**

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27 **I.A. Sponsoring Institution**

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29 I.A.1. Since family medicine programs are dependent in part on other
30 specialties for the education of residents, the ability and commitment of
31 the Sponsoring Institution to fulfill these requirements must be
32 documented.

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34 **I.B. Participating Sites**

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36 I.B.1. Participating sites should not be at such a distance from the primary
37 clinical site that they require excessive travel time or otherwise
38 fragment the educational experience for residents.

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40 **II. Program Personnel and Resources**

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42 **II.A. Program Director**

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44 II.A.1. Qualifications of the program director must include:

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46 II.A.1.a) a minimum of five years of clinical experience in family medicine;
47 and,

- 48 II.A.1.b) if the length of the program's accreditation allows, at least two
 49 years as a core faculty member in an ACGME-I-accredited family
 50 medicine residency program.
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- 52 II.A.2. The program director must maintain clinical skills by providing direct
 53 patient care.
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- 55 **II.B. Faculty**
- 56 II.B.1. For programs with more than 12 residents, there must be at least one core
 57 family physician faculty member, in addition to the program director, for
 58 every four residents.
- 59 II.B.1.a) Core faculty members in programs with an approved complement of
 60 12 or more residents should devote 40 to 60 percent of their time (16
 61 to 24 to hours per week, or 800 to 1,200 hours per year) to the
 62 educational program, exclusive of patient care without residents.
- 63 II.B.2. The resident-to-faculty preceptor ratio in a family medicine practice (FMP)
 64 site must not exceed four-to-one. (Moved from resources)
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- 66 II.B.3. All family medicine physician faculty members must maintain clinical
 67 skills by providing direct patient care and role modeling competence
 68 in their respective scope of practice.
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- 70 ~~II.B.3.a) Family medicine physician faculty members should have a~~
 71 ~~specific time commitment to patient care.~~
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- 73 II.B.4.a) Some family medicine physician members must see patients
 74 in each of the FMP sites used by the program.
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- 76 II.B.5. The program must have family medicine physicians or other qualified
 77 physicians as faculty members providing or teaching care for each of
 78 the following:
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- 80 II.B.5.a) maternity patients;
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- 82 II.B.5.b) inpatient adults; and,
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- 84 II.B.5.c) inpatient children.
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- 86 II.B.6. Instruction in the other specialties must be conducted by faculty
 87 members with appropriate expertise.
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- 89 II.B.7. There must be faculty members dedicated to the integration of
 90 behavioral health into the educational program.
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- 92 II.B.8. The program, in partnership with its Sponsoring Institution, must
 93 ensure that there is ~~There must be~~ a structured program of faculty
 94 development that involves regularly scheduled activities designed to
 95 enhance ~~the effectiveness of~~ faculty members' skills in administration,
 96 leadership, scholarship, clinical practice, ~~behavioral~~

97 ~~components~~ professionalism, and teaching effectiveness, including
98 evaluation, assessment, and curriculum development of faculty-
99 members' performance.

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101 **II.C. Other Program Personnel**

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103 II.C.1. The program must have a program coordinator.

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105 **II.D. Resources**

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107 II.D.1. There must be at least one FMP site to serve as the foundation for
108 educating residents and to provide residents with family medicine
109 physician role models.

110 II.D.2. FMP site(s) must support continuous, comprehensive, convenient,
111 accessible, and coordinated care to a panel of patient families.

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113 II.D.2.a) There must be agreement with specialists in other areas/services
114 regarding the requirement that residents maintain concurrent
115 commitment to their patients in the FMP site(s) during these
116 rotations.

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118 II.D.3. If multiple FMP sites are used for resident education, each must meet the
119 criteria for the primary practice and be ~~approved by the Review~~
120 ~~Committee International~~ reviewed by the family medicine program and
121 approved by the Sponsoring Institution prior to use by the program.

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123 II.D.4. Each FMP site must have a mission statement describing its dedication to
124 education and to the care of patients within the practice as relates to the
125 greater community served by the program.

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127 II.D.4.a) The mission should be shared with all education and training
128 sites to ensure alignment and consistency in educational goals.

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130 II.D.5. ~~The resident to faculty preceptor ratio in an FMP site must not exceed~~
131 ~~four to one.~~ (move to faculty)

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133 II.D.5. Each FMP site must be sufficiently staffed to ensure efficiency of
134 operations, adequate support for patient care, and fulfillment of
135 educational requirements.

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137 II.D.5.a) The staff should include nurses, technicians, clerks, administrative
138 personnel, and other health professionals.

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140 II.D.6. ~~Other physician specialists should not see patients in an FMP site~~
141 ~~unless their presence enhances the experiences and learning of the~~
142 ~~residents~~ Each FMP site must encourage other physician specialists and
143 health care practitioners who provide care within the setting, such as
144 nurses, paramedics, pharmacists, and physiotherapists, to contribute to
145 the educational experiences of the residents.

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147 II.D.7. ~~Each FMP site must involve all members of the practice in ongoing~~

148 ~~performance improvement and demonstrate use of outcomes in~~
149 ~~improving clinical quality, patient satisfaction, patient safety, and financial~~
150 ~~performance~~Each FMP site must demonstrate use of outcome data by
151 assessing the following: clinical quality for preventive care and chronic
152 disease; demographics; health inequities; patient satisfaction; patient
153 safety; continuity with a patient panel; referral and diagnostic utilization
154 rates; and, if applicable, other non-clinical audits, such as financial
155 performance and waiting times.
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157 II.D.8. Each FMP site must have adequate space and resources to effectively
158 conduct the educational program, including:

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160 II.D.8.a) contiguous space for residents' clinical work and education;

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162 II.D.8.b) readily available computer access to electronic resources;

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164 II.D.8.c) adequate space to conduct private resident precepting sessions,
165 teaching conferences, group meetings, and small group
166 counseling; and,

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168 II.D.8.d) faculty members' offices, either in the FMP site or immediately
169 adjacent to the FMP site.
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171 II.D.9. Each FMP site should receive advice from those outside the program on
172 the health needs of the community.
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174 II.D.9.a) Those advising the program should be demographically diverse and
175 have experiences that are representative of the community.
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177 II.D.10. ~~Each FMP site must be available for patient services at times~~
178 ~~commensurate with community medical standards and practice.~~
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180 ~~II.D.10.a) When an FMP site is not open, there must be a well-organized~~
181 ~~plan that ensures continuing access to each patient's personal~~
182 ~~physician, substitute family physician, or care from a physician~~
183 ~~with access to the patient's health records.~~
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185 ~~II.D.10.b) Patients of an FMP site must receive education and direction as to~~
186 ~~how to obtain access to their physician, a substitute family~~
187 ~~physician, or another physician for continuity of care during hours~~
188 ~~the FMP site is closed.~~
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190 II.D.11. ~~Inpatient facilities must have occupied teaching beds to ensure a~~
191 ~~patient load and variety of problems sufficient to support the education~~
192 ~~of the number of residents and other learners on the services.~~
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194 II.D.12. ~~Inpatient facilities must also provide physical, human, and other~~
195 ~~resources for education in family medicine.~~
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197 III. Resident Appointment

198 III.D. Eligibility Criteria 199

200		
201		See International Foundational Requirements, Section III.A.
202		
203	III.E.	Number of Residents
204		
205	III.E.1.	The program must have at least four <u>two</u> residents at each educational level.
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207	III.E.2.	The program should have a total of at least 42 <u>six</u> on-duty residents.
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209	III.F.	Resident Transfers
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211		See International Foundational Requirements, Section III.C.
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213	III.G.	Appointment of Fellows and Other Learners
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215		See International Foundational Requirements, Section III.D.
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217	IV.	Specialty-Specific Educational Program
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219	IV.A.	ACGME-I Competencies
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221	IV.A.1.	The program must integrate the following ACGME-I Competencies into the curriculum.
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224	IV.A.1.a)	Professionalism
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226	IV.A.1.a).(1)	Residents must demonstrate a commitment to professionalism and an adherence to ethical principles.
227		Residents must demonstrate:
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230	IV.A.1.a).(1).(a)	compassion, integrity, and respect for others;
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232	IV.A.1.a).(1).(b)	responsiveness to patient needs that supersedes self-interest;
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235	IV.A.1.a).(1).(c)	respect for patient privacy and autonomy;
236		
237	IV.A.1.a).(1).(d)	accountability to patients, society, and the profession;
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240	IV.A.1.a).(1).(e)	sensitivity and responsiveness to a diverse patient population, including to diversity in gender, age, culture, race, religion, disabilities, and sexual orientation; and,
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245	IV.A.1.a).(1).(f)	adherence to the Sponsoring Institution's professionalism standards and code of conduct, to citizenship, and to other responsibilities.
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249	IV.A.1.b)	Patient Care and Procedural Skills
250		
251	IV.A.1.b).(1)	Residents must provide patient care that is compassionate,

252		appropriate, and effective for the treatment of health
253		problems and the promotion of health. Residents must
254		demonstrate competence in:
255		
256	IV.A.1.b).(1).(a)	the essential skills/competencies of both productivity
257		and efficiency necessary to meet the expectations of
258		independent clinical practice, including:
259		
260	IV.A.1.b).(1).(a).(i)	ability to collect a complete initial data base
261		and examination;
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263	IV.A.1.b).(1).(a).(ii)	ability to define and expand the differential
264		diagnosis list;
265		
266	IV.A.1.b).(1).(a).(iii)	<u>the ability to</u> identify the most likely
267		diagnoses and establish of a plan for
268		diagnostic and treatment modalities;
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270	IV.A.1.b).(1).(a).(iv)	ability to educate the patient and patient's
271		family about the diagnoses, evaluation, and
272		treatment of the disease; to obtain informed
273		consent; and perform appropriate procedures;
274		(deleted text moved to Interpersonal and
275		Communication Skills)
276	IV.A.1.b).(1).(a).(v)	ability to practice in a team and with a
277		systems-based approach (moved to
278		Systems-Based Practice)
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280	IV.A.1.b).(1).(a).(iv)	ability to present data to other members of
281		the team and consultants; (moved to
282		Interpersonal and Communication Skills)
283		
284	IV.A.1.b).(1).(a).(vii)	cost-conscious ordering of diagnostic tests
285		and therapeutics (move to Systems-Based
286		Practice)
287		
288	IV.A.1.b).(1).(a).(viii)	construction of a medical record summary
289		with accuracy and in compliance with
290		expected format and the hospital's medical
291		records policies; (moved to Interpersonal
292		and Communication Skills)
293		
294	IV.A.1.b).(1).(a).(iv)	formulating short- and long-term goals;
295		
296	IV.A.1.b).(1).(a).(v)	providing guidance to patients regarding
297		advanced directives, end-of-life issues, and
298		unexpected diagnoses/outcomes; and,
299	IV.A.1.b).(1).(a).(vi)	<u>addressing suffering in all its dimensions for</u>
300		<u>patients and patients' families.</u>
301		
302	IV.A.1.b).(1).(b)	providing preventive health care, promoting

303		independent living, and maximizing function
304		and quality of life in the geriatric patient;
305		
306	IV.A.1.b).(1).(c)	providing longitudinal health care to families,
307		including assisting them in coping with serious
308		illness and loss, and in promoting family
309		mechanisms to maintain wellness of <u>family</u>
310		members;
311		
312	IV.A.1.b).(1).(d)	assessing and meeting the health care needs of
313		declining geriatric patients; episodic, illness-related
314		care; delivery of health care in the home, FMP site,
315		and hospital; delivery of end-of-life care; and, <u>if</u>
316		<u>available in the country or jurisdiction</u> , delivery of
317		care in a long-term care facility;
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319	IV.A.1.b).(1).(e)	<u>managing a normal pregnancy and delivery; providing</u>
320		<u>care to patients who may become pregnant, including:</u>
321	IV.A.1.b).(1).(e).(i)	<u>diagnosing pregnancy and managing early</u>
322		<u>pregnancy complications, to include diagnosis</u>
323		<u>of ectopic pregnancy, pregnancy loss, and, as</u>
324		<u>permitted in the country or jurisdiction,</u>
325		<u>providing options education for unintended</u>
326		<u>pregnancy;</u>
327	IV.A.1.b).(1).(e).(ii)	<u>providing low-risk prenatal care;</u>
328	IV.A.1.b).(1).(e).(iii)	<u>providing care for common medical problems</u>
329		<u>arising from pregnancy or coexisting with</u>
330		<u>pregnancy;</u>
331	IV.A.1.b).(1).(e).(iv)	<u>performing an uncomplicated spontaneous</u>
332		<u>vaginal delivery;</u>
333	IV.A.1.b).(1).(e).(v)	<u>demonstrating basic skills in managing</u>
334		<u>obstetrical emergencies; and,</u>
335	IV.A.1.b).(1).(e).(vi)	<u>providing postpartum care, to include screening</u>
336		<u>and treatment for postpartum depression,</u>
337		<u>breastfeeding support, and family planning.</u>
338	IV.A.1.b).(1).(f)	<u>managing common problems related to prenatal and-</u>
339		<u>postnatal care.</u>
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341	IV.A.1.b).(1).(f)	performing appropriate gynecological procedures;
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343	IV.A.1.b).(1).(g)	giving proper advice, explanation, and emotional
344		support during care to surgical patients and their
345		families, including recognizing surgical conditions
346		that are preferably managed on an elective basis;
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348	IV.A.1.b).(1).(h)	diagnosing and managing a wide variety of common
349		general surgical problems typically cared for by
350		family physicians;
351	IV.A.1.b).(1).(i)	<u>providing routine newborn care, including neonatal</u>
352		<u>care following birth;</u>
353	IV.A.1.b).(1).(j)	<u>providing preventive health care to children, including</u>
354		<u>for development, nutrition, exercise, and</u>
355		<u>immunization, and addressing social determinants of</u>
356		<u>health;</u>
357	IV.A.1.b).(1).(k)	<u>managing care of ill children, including recognition,</u>
358		<u>triage, and stabilization for common illnesses and</u>
359		<u>injuries;</u>
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361	IV.A.1.b).(1).(l)	diagnosing and managing common inpatient
362		problems of adults and children as seen by family
363		physicians;
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365	IV.A.1.b).(1).(m)	caring for hospitalized male and female patients
366		with various levels of severity of illness and utilizing
367		appropriate consultation by other specialists;
368	IV.A.1.b).(1).(n)	<u>diagnosing and managing common dermatological</u>
369		<u>conditions; and,</u>
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371	IV.A.1.b).(1).(o)	providing supervision to others in the learning
372		environment.
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374	IV.A.1.c)	Medical Knowledge
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376	IV.A.1.c).(1)	Residents must demonstrate knowledge of established
377		and evolving biomedical clinical, epidemiological, and
378		social-behavioral sciences, as well as the application of
379		this knowledge to patient care. Residents must
380		demonstrate:
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382	IV.A.1.c).(1).(a)	knowledge of the broad spectrum of clinical
383		disorders seen in the practice of family medicine;
384		and,
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386	IV.A.1.c).(1).(b)	the ability to evaluate evolving medical knowledge
387		and incorporate it into meaningful clinical practice.
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389	IV.A.1.d)	Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
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391	IV.A.1.d).(1)	Residents must demonstrate the ability to investigate and
392		evaluate their care of patients, to appraise and assimilate
393		scientific evidence, and to continuously improve patient
394		care based on constant self-evaluation and lifelong
395		learning. Residents are expected to develop skills and

396		habits to be able to meet the following goals:
397		
398	IV.A.1.d).(1).(a)	identify and perform appropriate learning activities;
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400	IV.A.1.d).(1).(b)	identify strengths, deficiencies, and limits in one's knowledge and expertise;
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403	IV.A.1.d).(1).(c)	incorporate formative evaluation feedback into daily practice;
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406	IV.A.1.d).(1).(d)	locate, appraise, and assimilate evidence from scientific studies related to their patients' health problems;
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410	IV.A.1.d).(1).(e)	participate in the education of patients, families, students, residents, and other health professionals;
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412		(moved to Interpersonal and Communication Skills)
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415	IV.A.1.d).(1).(e)	set learning and improvement goals;
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417	IV.A.1.d).(1).(f)	systematically analyze practice using quality improvement methods, and implement changes with the goal of practice improvement; and,
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421	IV.A.1.d).(1).(g)	use information technology to optimize learning.
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423	IV.A.1.e)	Interpersonal and Communication Skills
424		
425	IV.A.1.e).(1)	Residents must demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that result in the effective exchange of information and collaboration with patients, their families, and health professionals. Residents must:
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430	IV.A.1.e).(1).(a)	communicate effectively with patients, patients' families, and the public, as appropriate, across a broad range of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds;
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435	IV.A.1.e).(1).(b)	communicate effectively with physicians, other health professionals, and health-related agencies, <u>including presenting data to other members of the team and consultants;</u> (addition moved from Patient Care and Procedural Skills)
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441	IV.A.1.e).(1).(c)	work effectively as a member or leader of a health care team or other professional group;
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444	IV.A.1.e).(1).(d)	act in a consultative role to other physicians and health professionals;
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447	IV.A.1.e).(1).(e)	maintain comprehensive, timely, and legible

448		medical records, if applicable and <u>construct</u>
449		<u>a medical record summary with accuracy</u>
450		<u>and in compliance with expected format</u>
451		<u>and within the hospital's medical records</u>
452		<u>policies; (addition moved from Patient Care</u>
453		<u>and Procedural Skills)</u>
454	IV.A.1.e).(1).(f)	<u>educate patients and patients' families about the</u>
455		<u>diagnoses, evaluation, and treatment of disease.</u>
456		<u>and obtain informed consent when needed; and,</u>
457		<u>(moved from Patient Care and Procedural Skills)</u>
458		
459	IV.A.1.e).(1).(g)	<u>participate in the education of students, residents,</u>
460		<u>and other health professionals. (moved from</u>
461		<u>Practice-Based Learning and Improvement)</u>
462		
463	IV.A.1.f)	Systems-Based Practice
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465	IV.A.1.f).(1)	Residents must demonstrate an awareness of and
466		responsiveness to the larger context and system of health
467		care, as well as the ability to call effectively on other
468		resources in the system to provide optimal health care.
469		Residents must:
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471	IV.A.1.f).(1).(a)	advocate for quality patient care and optimal patient
472		care systems;
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474	IV.A.1.f).(1).(b)	coordinate patient care within the health care
475		system relevant to their clinical specialty;
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477	IV.A.1.f).(1).(c)	incorporate considerations of cost awareness and
478		risk-benefit analysis in patient and/or population-
479		based care as appropriate;
480		
481	IV.A.1.f).(1).(d)	participate in identifying system errors and
482		implementing potential systems solutions;
483	IV.A.1.f).(1).(e)	work effectively in various health care
484		delivery settings and systems relevant to
485		their clinical specialty; and,
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487	IV.A.1.f).(1).(f)	work in interprofessional teams <u>using a systems-</u>
488		<u>based approach</u> to enhance patient safety and
489		improve patient care quality; and, (<u>addition</u> moved
490		from Patient Care and Procedural Skills)
491		
492	IV.A.1.f).(1).(g)	<u>order diagnostic tests and therapeutics using a</u>
493		<u>cost-conscious approach. (moved from Patient</u>
494		<u>Care and Procedural Skills)</u>
495		
496	IV.B.	Regularly Scheduled Educational Activities
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498 IV.B.1. The program must provide a regularly scheduled forum for residents to
499 explore and analyze evidence pertinent to the practice of family medicine.
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501 **IV.C. Clinical Experiences**
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503 ~~Background and Intent: Clinical practice in family medicine differs throughout~~
504 ~~the world based in part on differences in medical practice, population~~
505 ~~demographics, and disease patterns. The goals of the clinical experience~~
506 ~~requirements in family medicine are to provide flexibility and to maintain quality~~
507 ~~so that the program educates physicians:~~

- 508 • ~~for current as well as future practice;~~
- 509 • ~~to care for families in a comprehensive and caring manner; and,~~
- 510 • ~~to care for families throughout the continuum of care.~~

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512 IV.C.1. Educational experiences should be structured to minimize the frequency of
513 rotational transitions, and rotations must be of sufficient length to provide a
514 quality educational experience, defined by continuity of patient care,
515 ongoing supervision, longitudinal relationships with faculty members, and
516 high-quality assessment and feedback.
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518 IV.C.2. Each resident must be assigned to a primary FMP site.
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520 IV.C.2.a) ~~Residents must receive regular reports of individual and practice~~
521 ~~productivity and clinical quality, as well as the training needed to~~
522 ~~analyze these reports.~~
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524 IV.C.2.b) ~~Residents must attend regular FMP business meetings with~~
525 ~~staff and faculty members to discuss practice-related policies~~
526 ~~and procedures, business and service goals, and practice~~
527 ~~efficiency and quality.~~
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529 IV.C.3. Residents must be scheduled to see patients in the FMP site for a minimum
530 of 40 weeks during each year of the educational program.
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532 IV.C.3.a) Residents' other assignments must not interrupt continuity for more
533 than eight weeks at any given time or in any one year.
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535 IV.C.3.b) The periods between interruptions in continuity must be at least four
536 weeks in length.
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538 IV.C.4. Experiences in the FMP site must include acute care, chronic care, and
539 wellness care for patients of all ages.
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541 IV.C.4.a) ~~FMP site patient encounters should include care for patients~~
542 ~~younger than 10 years of age.~~

543 IV.C.4.b) ~~FMP site patient encounters should include care for patients 60~~
544 ~~years of age or older~~
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546 IV.C.5. Individual residents or a team of residents must be primarily responsible
547 for a panel of continuity patients.
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- 549 IV.C.5.a) Residents' responsibilities must include integrating each panel
550 patient's care across all health care settings, including the home,
551 long-term care facilities, the FMP site, specialty care facilities,
552 and inpatient care facilities.
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- 554 IV.C.5.b) Each resident's panel of continuity patients must be of sufficient
555 size and diversity to ensure adequate education, as well as
556 patient access and continuity of care.
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- 558 IV.C.5.c) Panel size and composition for each resident must be regularly
559 assessed and rebalanced as needed.
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- 561 IV.C.5.c).(1). Resident panels should be calculated and readjusted for
562 the appropriate size and diversity (demographics and
563 medical conditions) required for optimal education, patient
564 access, and continuity of care every 12 months.
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- 566 IV.C.5.d) The FMP site should utilize team-based coverage for patients
567 when the continuity resident is unavailable.
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- 569 IV.C.6. ~~Residents should participate in and assume progressive leadership of~~
570 ~~appropriate care teams to coordinate and optimize care for a panel of~~
571 ~~continuity patients.~~
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- 573 IV.C.6. Residents must provide care for a minimum of 1,650 in-person patient
574 encounters at their assigned FMP site, with at least 150 visits occurring in
575 the first year of the educational program.
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- 577 IV.C.6.a) The majority of these visits must occur in residents' primary FMP
578 site.
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- 580 *~~Background and Intent: Patient encounters at the FMP site may include~~*
581 *~~telephone visits, electronic visits, telemedicine visits, group visits, and patient~~*
582 *~~peer education sessions.~~*
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- 584 IV.C.7. ~~The program must ensure that every resident has exposure to a variety of~~
585 ~~medical and surgical subspecialties throughout the educational program.~~
586 There must be a specific subspecialty curriculum to address the breadth
587 of patients seen in family medicine.
- 588 IV.C.7.a) Every resident must have exposure to a variety of medical and
589 surgical subspecialties throughout the educational program.
- 590 IV.C.7.b) The curriculum should address any gaps in the clinical experience
591 through other required structured rotations and FMP continuity.
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- 593 IV.C.8. Residents must have at least 600 hours (or six months) of clinical
594 experience dedicated to the care of hospitalized adult patients with a
595 broad range of ages and medical conditions.
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- 597 IV.C.8.a) ~~Residents must have exposure to participate in the care of~~
598 hospitalized patients in a critically ill patients critical care setting.

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600 IV.C.8.b) The experience should include the care of patients through
601 hospitalization and transition of care to outpatient follow-up.
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603 ~~*Background and Intent: Experiences caring for hospitalized and critically ill adults*~~
604 ~~*can provide residents with an opportunity to deliver continuity of care to their*~~
605 ~~*panel of patients. These experiences also provide residents with opportunities to*~~
606 ~~*develop clinical skills, including in initial evaluation, development of a care plan,*~~
607 ~~*ongoing evaluation and management, performance of basic procedures of*~~
608 ~~*medicine, appropriate consultation, and planning for discharge and continuing*~~
609 ~~*care. Additionally, the experience provides opportunities to learn how families*~~
610 ~~*deal with critical illness and loss and how to deliver bad news.*~~
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612 IV.C.9. Residents must have emergency department experience that includes
613 care of acutely ill or injured adults.
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615 IV.C.9.a) Residents must have at least 200 hours (or two months) or 250
616 patient encounters dedicated to the care of acutely ill or injured
617 adults in an emergency department setting.
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619 IV.C.10. Residents must have clinical experiences dedicated to the care of the
620 older patient across a continuum of sites.
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622 IV.C.10.a) The experience must include functional assessment, disease
623 prevention and health promotion, and management of patients
624 with multiple chronic diseases.
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626 IV.C.11. Residents must have at least 200 hours (or two months) of clinical
627 experience dedicated to the care of ill child patients in the hospital and/or
628 emergency setting.
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630 IV.C.12. Residents must have at least 200 hours (or two months) of clinical
631 experience dedicated to the care of children and adolescents in an
632 ambulatory setting, including:
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634 IV.C.12.a) acute care;
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636 IV.C.12.b) chronic care;
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638 IV.C.12.c) newborn patient encounters, to include well and ill newborns; and,
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640 IV.C.12.c).(1) This experience should include inpatient and
641 ambulatory settings, including in the continuity
642 practice.
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644 IV.C.12.d) well-child care.
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646 IV.C.13. Residents must have at least 100 hours (or one month) of clinical
647 experience dedicated to the care of surgical patients, including
648 hospitalized surgical patients.
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650 IV.C.14. Residents must have at least 200 hours (or two months) of clinical

- 651 experience dedicated to the care of patients with a breadth of
652 musculoskeletal problems.
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- 654 IV.C.14.a) This ~~must~~should include a ~~structured~~-sports medicine experience.
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- 656 IV.C.15. Residents must have at least 100 hours (or one month) or 125 patient
657 encounters dedicated to the care of women with gynecologic issues,
658 including well-woman care, family planning, contraception, and, as
659 permitted in the country or jurisdiction, options counseling for
660 unintended pregnancy.
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- 662 IV.C.16. Residents must document at least 200 hours (or two months) dedicated to
663 obstetrics, including prenatal care, labor management, delivery
664 management, and postpartum care.
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- 666 IV.C.16.a) Residents must care for pregnant patients in the outpatient
667 setting, including prenatal care and the care of medical issues that
668 arise in pregnancy.
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- 670 IV.C.16.b) Each resident should care for postpartum patients, including care
671 for parental-baby pairs.
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- 673 IV.C.16.c) Some of the maternity experience should include the prenatal,
674 intrapartum, and postpartum care of the same patient in a
675 continuity care relationship.
- 676 *~~Background and Intent: Experiences in obstetric care can provide residents with~~*
677 *~~an opportunity to deliver continuity of care to their panel of patients. These~~*
678 *~~experiences are also intended to provide residents with opportunities to learn to~~*
679 *~~recognize common problems associated with pregnancy and delivery and~~*
680 *~~provide opportunities for residents to develop competence in making referrals for~~*
681 *~~obstetric care. The requirement can be met through participation in deliveries,~~*
682 *~~providing pre- and postnatal care, and through simulation.~~*
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- 684 IV.C.17. Residents must have clinical experiences in diagnosing and managing
685 common dermatologic conditions.
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- 687 IV.C.18. The curriculum must be structured so behavioral health is integrated into
688 the residents' total educational experience.
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- 690 IV.C.19. ~~There must be a structured curriculum in which residents are educated in~~
691 ~~the diagnosis and management of common mental illnesses~~Residents
692 must have dedicated experience in the diagnosis and management of
693 common mental illness, including interprofessional education and training
694 in cognitive behavioral therapy, motivational interviewing, and
695 psychopharmacology.
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- 697 IV.C.19.a) This experience should include identification and treatment of
698 substance use disorders.
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- 700 IV.C.19.b) Treatment should include pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic
701 methods and an interprofessional team.

- 702 IV.C.20. There must be a structured curriculum in which residents address
703 population health, including the evaluation of health problems of the
704 community.
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- 706 IV.C.21. The curriculum should include diagnostic imaging and nuclear medicine
707 ~~therapy~~ pertinent to family medicine.
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- 709 IV.C.22. Residents must receive training to perform clinical procedures required for
710 their future practice in ambulatory and other health care environments.
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- 712 IV.C.22.a) The program director and family medicine faculty members must
713 develop a list of procedural competencies required for ~~completion~~
714 ~~by~~ all residents in the program prior to graduation.
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- 716 IV.C.22.a).(1) This list must be based on the anticipated practice needs
717 of all family medicine residents.
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- 719 IV.C.22.a).(2) In creating this list, the members of the faculty should
720 consider the current practices of program graduates,
721 national data regarding procedural care in family medicine,
722 and the needs of the community to be served.
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- 724 IV.C.23. Residents must have experiences dedicated to health system management.
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- 726 IV.C.23.a) Residents must attend regular FMP business meetings with staff and
727 faculty members to discuss practice-related policies and procedures,
728 service goals, and practice efficiency and quality.
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- 730 IV.C.23.b) Residents must receive regular data reports of individual/panel and
731 practice patterns, as well as the education and training needed to
732 analyze these reports.
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- 734 IV.C.23.c) This curriculum should prepare residents to be active participants
735 and leaders in their panel teams, their practices, their communities,
736 and the profession of medicine.
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- 738 IV.C.23.d) At some point during the educational program, each resident should
739 participate in a health system or professional group committee.
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- 741 IV.C.24. Residents must have elective experiences.
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- 743 IV.C.25. Clinical experiences should be structured to facilitate learning in a manner
744 that allows residents to function as part of an effective interprofessional
745 team that works together longitudinally with shared goals of patient safety
746 and quality improvement.
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- 748 IV.C.26. ~~The curriculum should prepare residents to be active participants and~~
749 ~~leaders in their practices, their communities, and the profession of~~
750 ~~medicine.~~
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- 752 **IV.D. Scholarly Activity**
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754	IV.D.1.	Resident Scholarly Activity
755	IV.D.1.a)	Residents should complete two scholarly activities, at least one of
756		which should be a quality improvement project.
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758	IV.D.1.b)	<u>Scholarly projects should be disseminated through presentation</u>
759		<u>or publication.</u>
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761	IV.D.2.	Faculty Scholarly Activity
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763		See International Foundational Requirements, Section IV.D.2.
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765	V.	Evaluation
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767		See International Foundational Requirements, Section V.
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769	VI.	The Learning and Working Environment
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771		See International Foundational Requirements, Section VI.