



Family Medicine Interest Group (FMIG) Program of Excellence Award Winners

Categorical Award, Excellence in Promoting the Scope and Diversity of Family Medicine

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FMIG Operation

Our FMIG is structured around six student roles, including the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, events chair, and two M1 class liaisons. These positions and our growing FMIG exist thanks to the dedicated efforts of our now rising fourth-year classmates who revitalized our FMIG last year following interruptions in programming due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our executive board roles are summarized below:

President: oversees the implementation of FMIG programming, including events, recruitment, and longitudinal projects; assigns special projects to team members; serves as the FMIG representative to the Connecticut Academy of Family Physicians (CAFP), regional AAFP, and school Department of Student Affairs

Vice President: in collaboration with the President, oversees the implementation of FMIG programming, including events, recruitment, and longitudinal projects; assigns special projects to team members
Secretary: records, distributes, and maintains all FMIG meeting minutes and agenda, and maintains an accurate list of members and their contact information

Events Chair establishes and oversees the execution of no less than three FMIG events per academic year; delegates responsibility to other FMIG active members as they see fit

Treasurer: oversees the budget, approves and facilitates reimbursement of FMIG expenditures, deposits funds, makes expenditures, and is responsible (including record-keeping) for funds from the AAFP, the Connecticut Academy of Family Physicians, and Quinnipiac University (QU)

M1 Liaisons (two students): design fliers for events; publicize FMIG meetings and events via QU email and student group message servers; contribute to the organization and planning of monthly events.

We participate in monthly executive board meetings, to organize approximately one event per month, starting after our recruitment period ended in October. During each meeting, we follow a structured agenda that schedules time for brainstorming, planning for monthly events and longitudinal projects, event debriefing, and task delegation. We regularly revisit meeting minutes to ensure tasks were completed promptly, and supplement meetings with frequent communication via online group messaging. We maintain regular communication with the interest group at large through monthly newsletters highlighting Family Medicine-related opportunities, such as conferences, scholarships,

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leadership opportunities, and student achievements within our interest group. Our FMIG executive board is also participating in the Primary Care Leadership Collaborative for 2022-2024. This has provided us with invaluable skills in relational leadership and allowed us to build and nurture our team dynamic with intention, starting with the AAFP National Conference in July of 2022. Our PCLC longitudinal project focuses on implementing curricular change relating to Addiction Medicine at our school. The skills we have gained through PCLC have greatly supplemented and enriched our activities as an FMIG at our medical school.

Goals

Our FMIG mission is to provide resources for students interested in exploring the field of family medicine including programming that may not be offered in the medical school curriculum. Our goals are to:

1. Increase interest and awareness of the field of family medicine by providing students with educational opportunities in and outside of our medical school.
2. Promote the broad scope of family medicine and the diversity of practice settings and patient populations.
3. Connect with our community through volunteer service events.
4. Provide career-building opportunities to students interested in pursuing Family Medicine, by connecting students to potential mentors, scholarships, conferences, and other resources.

Faculty Advisor

The role of our faculty advisors is to serve as mentors to the organization, guiding the officers and members and assisting with physician recruitment for participation in FMIG events. Dr. (Chair of the Department of Family Medicine), Dr. (Family Medicine Clerkship Director), and Dr. (Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship Director) are our faculty advisors. The President and Vice President have met with faculty advisors at least twice per year and stay in frequent communication over email regarding new opportunities/information from sources such as the AAFP intended for dissemination to the entire FMIG member list.

In addition, our faculty advisors have provided invaluable mentoring and support, including connecting us with physician panelists, speaking on FMIG panels, organizing a dinner to meet fourth-year graduating students, providing feedback and support for each event, advocating for funding for us to attend CAFP events and AAFP National Conference.