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FMEC Announces Plenary Speakers for 2025 Annual Meeting

DAYTON, OHIO – The Family Medicine Education Consortium (FMEC) will hold its [2025 Annual Meeting](#) at the Huntington Convention Center in Cleveland, Ohio from September 18-20, 2025. Plenary speakers will include Drs. Gary LeRoy, Christine Alexander-Rager, and Louito (Lou) Edje, who will show the power and breadth of family medicine and educate and enlighten the audience about critical and emerging issues for primary healthcare.



Gary Lewis LeRoy, MD,
DABFM, FAAFP



Christine Alexander-Rager,
MD, FAAFP



Louito Edje, MD, MHPE, FAAFP,
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- On Friday afternoon, **Gary Lewis LeRoy, MD, FAAFP** will present **“Why This, Why Now, Why Us?: The Art of Noticing Unnoticed Wisdom.”** With every generation of professional growth, there are seasons of intellectual growth, flourishing of one’s career, repair of well-being, and revitalization of the spirit. Each season leaves us asking the question “Why” our presence matters to the healing of the human condition and ourselves. This plenary will invite the participants to learn the art of being present both in their personal and professional lives. Participants will be invited to take a brief journey in the “Wayback Machine” of medical history to learn how we can reacquaint ourselves with the art of recognizing useful wisdom and personal joy when it arrives unnoticed.

Dr. LeRoy is the Senior Vice President for Diplomate Engagement of the American Board of Family Medicine and an associate professor of Family Medicine at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine. He is a board-certified family physician, providing comprehensive medical care at Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton. Dr. LeRoy is a native Daytonian, received his undergraduate (1982) and MD (1988) degrees from Wright State University and completed his residency at Miami Valley Hospital. He completed a fellowship at Michigan State University in 1992. Dr. LeRoy is the Past-President and Board Chair of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He is also an active member of the Ohio State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians (Past President, Educator and Philanthropist of the Year awards), and the Phi Rho Sigma Medical Society



(Vice President). He has served on the boards of the Dayton Levitt Pavilion, East End Community Center, WestCare Ohio, and The Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, and The Dayton Foundation..

- On Friday evening, **Christine Alexander-Rager, MD, FAAFP** will present **“My Backstage Pass to the Corner Office: How Family Medicine Ushered Me into Health System Leadership.”** Dr. Alexander-Rager’s talk will examine her path to CEO of a major health system, inspiring audience members and showing the power of family medicine.

Dr. Alexander has been a physician with the MetroHealth System since 1997 and was named the institution’s President and Chief Executive Officer in October 2024. She enjoys a legacy of leadership positions in the health system including the Interim Chief Clinical Officer, Chair of the Department of Family Medicine, President of the Medical Staff, President of the Council of Chairs, Director of Maternal and Newborn Health, Residency Program Director, and Case Western Reserve University Family Medicine Clerkship Director. She was the founder of MetroHealth’s School Health Program and served as its Medical Director from its inception until 2017. Dr. Alexander has devoted her career to serving those who struggle with access to care through family system, cultural, language or financial barriers. Through her leadership, the Department of Family Medicine created not only school health but correctional medicine, healthcare for the homeless, integrated behavioral health and expanded services for PRIDE patients. Dr. Alexander has been involved in the FMEC as a three-time Chair of the Host Committee, Planning Committee Chair, Board of Directors member and Board President. She has been the recipient of numerous local and national awards for program innovation, clinical care and teaching.

- On Saturday afternoon, **Louito Edje, MD, MHPE, FAAFP, SrADME** will present **“You Can’t Spell AIR Without AI: How Artificial Intelligence is Essential for Living, Working, and Learning in Medicine.”** Participants will take from this session an understanding of how generative artificial intelligence and machine learning are becoming “must have” resources in our clinical work as family physicians and how we learn in medical education. Dr. Edje will explore ten ways gen AI is helping with administrative burden reduction and cognitive load management in the clinical setting and eight ways gen AI is being used in assessment in medical education.

Dr. Edje is a board-certified family physician, chair of the family medicine review committee of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, former chair of the nominating committee of the American Medical Association’s Council on Medical Education and a member of its executive committee. She was the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians 2012 Family Physician of The Year and received two Distinguished Humanitarian awards in 2022 for community work with vaccine hesitant patients during the COVID pandemic. She was president of her class at the University of Michigan Medical School (UMMS) then completed her family medicine training, with honors. This was followed by 13 years in private practice and health system leadership including service as department chair, chief of staff, and credentials chair. During her pivot into academia, she attended the National Institution of Program Director Development (NIPDD) and obtained a masters in health professions education. She is an emeritus designated institutional official of the National Association of Designated Institutional Officials (NADIO). She has the privilege of leading the medical education mission of the University of Michigan. As senior associate dean for medical education, she supports the medical education of 780 medical students, 1300 residents and fellows, and 3,500 faculty.

About the FMEC Annual Meeting



The FMEC Annual Meeting, held every fall, attracts over 1,000 medical students, family medicine residents and faculty from the FMEC's 14 state + DC region in the northeast U.S. The meeting theme is "From Vinyl to Virtual: Rocking Innovation, Amplifying Health." The meeting venue is the [Huntington Convention Center](#) (300 Lakeside Avenue East, Cleveland, OH, 44113) and the headquarters hotels are the nearby [Hilton Cleveland Downtown](#) and [Cleveland Marriott Downtown](#). The FMEC has held its Annual Meeting in Cleveland four times, with the last in 2017. See <https://www.fmec.net/2025-cleveland-oh> for more information and links to register.

The meeting features hundreds of educational sessions and a residency program recruitment fair of nearly 100 programs. Through a robust scholarship initiative, the FMEC is able to bring 300 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.

A Host Committee of family medicine training programs in the region has been working hard to help plan the meeting, choosing the theme and plenary speakers and raising support for student scholarships and more.

2025 FMEC Annual Meeting Host Committee

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About the Family Medicine Education Consortium

The 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, over 220 family medicine residency programs, and thousands of family physicians and other health care providers in community settings. Through an Annual Meeting for over 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.