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FMEC Announces 2026 Poster Presentation Winners

DAYTON, OHIO – Each year, at the Annual Meeting of the Family Medicine Education Consortium (FMEC), the best scientific posters are presented with awards to recognize their excellence.

The FMEC 2026 Annual Meeting was held September 24 – 26, 2026, at the Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City, NJ. Nearly 1,100 family practice faculty, residents and medical students attended the meeting. They represented over 100 residency programs and over 50 medical schools, primarily in the northeast region of the United States.

A total of 131 posters were accepted for presentation at the meeting. The FMEC recognized 1st-3rd places. All posters were accepted in the spring and summer of 2026 for their relevance and importance to the field of family medicine, and they were judged for their visual impact, clarity of message, readability and other factors by a panel of family physician reviewers. A list of all poster presentations can be found in the [FMEC 2026 Annual Meeting Program](#).

On behalf of the FMEC and our 2026 Annual Meeting planners and poster judges, led by Britt A.L. Gayle MD, MPH, MedStar Franklin Square, Baltimore, MD, and Dr. Rachel Rosenberg MD, New Jersey Medical School, Newark, NJ, congratulations to all of the FMEC 2026 poster presentation winners this year.

The FMEC 2027 Annual Meeting will be held September 9 – 11, 2027 at the Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor in Baltimore, MD.

Poster Winners

First Place Poster:

Ezra Felder

Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Philadelphia, PA

Samantha Temucin DO

Paige Varin DO

LeeAnn Tanaka DO

"An Invisible Toll: The Impacts of the Preclinical Medical School Experience on LGBTQIA+ Students"



Second Place Poster:

Joyce Zhang BS

Thomas Jefferson University/Sidney Kimmel Medical College

Department of Family and Community Medicine

Philadelphia, PA

Kaitlyn Williams MS

Kathleen Mechler MD

"The Voice Behind the Screens: A Qualitative Study of Remote Medical Interpreters During Serious Illness Conversations"

Third Place Poster:

Sayeri Dutta MD

St Joseph Hospital

Family Medicine

Bethpage, NY

Karan Sharma MD

Mayur Rali MD, FAAFP

Zeeshan Khan MD

"Cut the Fluff: A Resident-Led Quality Improvement Initiative to Reduce Note Bloat and Documentation Burden"

About the Family Medicine Education Consortium

[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. 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, 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.

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