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***FMEC 2025 Annual Meeting to be held September 18-20, 2025 in Cleveland, OH***

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.

Every year, the FMEC hosts a dynamic and innovative Annual Meeting in the northeastern US for medical students, family medicine residents, faculty and others involved in family medicine. At the conference, attendees participate in over 200 peer-reviewed scholarly sessions, hands-on workshops, and poster presentations. A residency program recruitment fair features 85-95 programs from the northeast U.S. Through a robust scholarship initiative, the FMEC brings over 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.

The FMEC Annual Meeting's combination of medical students, residents and faculty makes it unique. The FMEC Annual Meeting is steadily growing, with about 840 attendees in 2022 and 1,059 in 2023. The 2023 meeting also saw the FMEC's highest participation in the Residency Fair, with 93 programs attending. The 2024 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia is on track to be very large, as well. Early in 2024, the FMEC received proposals for 426 educational sessions, up from 320 in 2023, confirming the high level of interest among students, residents and faculty in attending.

The 2025 Annual Meeting will mark the 4<sup>th</sup> time the FMEC has met in Cleveland since its beginnings in 1981. Located in the heart of Cleveland, the Huntington Convention Center is walking distance of exceptional restaurants, art galleries, theaters, sports venues, and more. The headquarters hotel, the Cleveland Hilton, is a modern skyscraper less than a decade old and connected to the Convention Center. Both have sweeping views of Lake Erie, the Cleveland Browns stadium, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and more. "We are so excited to bring the energy of the FMEC Annual Meeting back to Ohio, and to share the power of family medicine and the city of Cleveland with the many students, residents and faculty who will attend," said Dr. Pamela A. Vnenchak, Program Director of the Family Medicine Residency Program at Lancaster (PA) General Hospital and incoming FMEC President.

While hundreds of residents and faculty throughout the FMEC's 14-state region help plan and speak at each FMEC Annual Meeting, the events offer a special opportunity for residency programs in the state or region to contribute. In 2017, 14 hospitals and universities served as the local Host Committee, choosing the meeting theme, plenary speakers and more. The FMEC looks forward to working with many of the nearly 40 Family Medicine Residency Programs in Ohio to plan the 2025 Annual Meeting.

Program proposal, award submission and registration deadlines for the FMEC 2025 Annual Meeting will be announced in November 2024. Faculty, residents and students should be prepared to submit educational



program proposals beginning in December, with a February 2025 deadline. Organizations interested in sponsoring the meeting, contributing to FMEC student scholarship program, participating in the Residency Fair, or purchasing an exhibit booth should contact the FMEC (see the [FMEC staff directory](#) for the appropriate contact).

### **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 200 family medicine residency programs, and thousands of family physicians and other health care providers in community settings. Through an Annual Meeting for nearly 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.