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FMEC Announces Plenary Speakers for 2023 Annual Meeting

DAYTON, OHIO – The Family Medicine Education Consortium (FMEC) will hold its [2023 Annual Meeting](#) at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, Rhode Island from October 13-15, 2023. Plenary speakers will include Drs. Izzy Lowell, Renee Crichlow, and Manisha Kumar, who will show the power and breadth of family medicine and educate and enlighten the audience about critical and emerging issues for primary healthcare.



Izzy Lowell, MD



Renee Crichlow, MD



Manisha Kumar, MD

- On Friday evening, **Dr. Izzy Lowell** will present “How Family Medicine can solve the Transgender humanitarian crisis in the US.” Dr. Lowell trained in New England and currently resides in Atlanta, GA, where she founded Queermed, a telemedicine practice serving transgender and nonbinary people in 25 states.
- On Saturday morning, **Dr. Renee Crichlow** will present “We Got This Family Medicine,” stressing the value and need for Family Medicine as a specialty in light of the recent pandemic, social upheaval, and more. Dr. Crichlow is Chief Medical Officer of Codman Square Health Center in Boston; the Vice-chair of Health Equity at the Boston University Department of Family Medicine; the medical editor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the journal, American Family Physician; and the current President of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine.
- On Sunday morning, **Dr. Manisha Kumar** will present “Catalyst for Change: Increasing Access to Safe Abortion Care and Upholding Bodily Autonomy,” sharing her experiences from nearly a decade of working with Doctors Without Borders. Dr. Kumar also trained in New England and for 6 years, she was head of the Safe Abortion Care Task Force, an initiative aimed at increasing access to safe abortion care in humanitarian settings.

The FMEC Annual Meeting, held every fall, attracts 800-1,000 attendees, with about 300 medical students who attend on scholarships, and hundreds of family medicine residents and faculty from the FMEC’s 14 state + DC region in the northeast U.S. The meeting theme is “Family Medicine: Anchoring Patients and Communities” and



will incorporate Rhode Island’s official symbol, the anchor, and motto, “hope.” See <https://www.fmec.net/2023-annual-meeting> for more information and links to register.

The educational program agenda is only one component of the FMEC Annual Meeting. A residency program recruitment fair features 80-100 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.

Programs and events will be held at the [Rhode Island Convention Center](#) (One Sabin Street, Providence, RI 02903-1814). Official meeting lodging will be at the Omni Providence, Graduate Providence and Providence Marriott hotels. Providence combines the accessibility and friendliness of a small town with the culture and sophistication of a big city. For more information, visit <https://www.fmec.net/2023-annual-meeting>.

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.

2023 FMEC Annual Meeting Host Committee

Boston Medical Center Department of Family Medicine
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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 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.