

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE TO Family Medicine Leadership Consortium (FMLC) **AUGUST 2024**

MISSION: The Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors inspires and empowers family medicine residency directors to achieve excellence in family medicine residency training.

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AFMRD is embarking on a new, 5-year strategic plan that will be formulated following the meeting of the Board of Directors in September 2024. Focus areas for consideration in the plan include the following topics:

Research infrastructure:

AFMRD continues to promote and participate in the CERA Program Directors Survey. Additionally, AFMRD is funding the presentation efforts of AFMRD-ABFM SOAR scholars, recently approving two (2) new scholars in 2024. AFMRD also supports the Health Equity fellow(s), including publication in the JABFM.

Pre-planning discussions have involved considering the inception and development of a GME-practice-based research network as well as modernization of the FM RCR as a source of evidence-based education and opportunity for scholarly activity for FM faculty.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Family Medicine:

AFMRD sees three ways in which AI affects its members and its members ability to achieve excellence in family medicine graduate medical education: 1) delivery of care to patients, 2) delivery of educational experience to resident physicians and 3) programmatic experience. AFMRD has also assigned this as a topic to its strategic planning meeting and will subsequently report out to CAFM and FMLC.

We envision the need to solicit information from our members about their current and desired experiences relative to AI. This will aid in identifying where there are gaps in knowledge around AI, informing our strategic work for the years to come. AFMRD hopes to explore the equitable and ethical use of AI across FM training programs in a collaborative way with other stakeholders.

Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS):

AFMRD participated in pre-FMLC discussions around a national strategy for the use of POCUS in Family Medicine. AFMRD has assigned this as a topic to its strategic planning meeting and will subsequently report out to CAFM and FMLC.

Pre-planning discussion involved the need to support equitable training across programs for the most-needed POCUS scans in an evidence-based way.

Respectfully submitted,

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