

FY2025 ANNUAL REPORT FCM NEWSLETTER

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Faculty, staff, fellows, and residents excelled in showcasing Family and Community Medicine's clinical, academic, and research initiatives through various scholarly activities from January to June 2025. Several posters and presentations were recognized by medical communities on national, regional, and local levels. For a summary of the department's overall productivity in FY2025, refer to [page 34](#).

This fiscal year, FCM faculty preceptors have demonstrated exemplary dedication to teaching and mentoring Baylor medical students and trainees interested in family medicine. I commend the leadership of **Arindam Sarkar, M.D., FAAFP**, director of medical student education and clerkship, on his dedication to continually improving the learning experience. Additionally, we are approaching the target goal for our department educational endowment fund in order to offer scholarships. View [page five](#) for testimonials from learners who have received support from our endowments.

Faculty development opportunities have expanded, with **Malvika Juneja, M.D., FAAFP**, director of faculty development and CME, managing numerous pathways for growth. I appreciate the faculty and staff who participate in our professional enrichment efforts. Read about the first annual FCM Wellness Day that Dr. Juneja and her team organized for our faculty on [page 11](#).

I am pleased to report the department's highlights in this newsletter, including the graduation of our first family medicine residents in the Lufkin track on [page four](#). We achieved key accomplishments in every mission area thanks to each person's daily contributions. It is a privilege to work with the many outstanding individuals who maintain our success.

Roger Zoorob, M.D., MPH, FAAFP
Richard M. Kleberg, Sr. Professor & Chair

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EDUCATION

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS POM I, POM II, and TTM MS1

The Practice of Medicine (POM I and POM II) and Transitions to Medicine (TTM) courses are offered to first-year medical students at Baylor College of Medicine, with significant involvement from Family and Community Medicine faculty. **Shruti Varadarajan, M.D., FAAFP** is the course director overseeing the curriculum at both the Houston and Temple campuses. Dedicated preceptors guide learners through the fundamentals of patient communication and examination in outpatient settings. These courses prepare and encourage students to advance to the next stage of their medical education by taking part in the FCM Clerkship.

In FY2025, Dr. Varadarajan led precepting faculty through another successful year of POM and TTM, alongside **Kamna Bansal, M.D.**, associate course director in Houston, and **Ana Crew, D.O., MPH**, associate course director in Temple.

Performance Overview:

230 Students enrolled in POM I, POM II, and TTM at Houston and Temple.

192 Total preceptors across two campuses.

75 Family medicine preceptors, with 48 in Greater Houston and 27 in Temple.

30 Total POM faculty facilitators, with 15 from our department.

EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT DAY Inaugural Event

Arindam Sarkar, M.D., FAAFP, director of medical student education, hosted Family and Community Medicine's first-ever Educator Development Day to provide faculty with support in precepting students and residents. The event explored clinical reasoning for learners in undergraduate and graduate medical education, workplace-based assessments, and trainee feedback. In addition, professional portfolios and advancement through promotion were discussed. A special thank-you to the faculty facilitators who moderated the sessions and contributed their knowledge:

Eman Abdelghani, M.D.

Diana Atwal, M.D., M.A.

Kamna Bansal, M.D.

Ana Crew, D.O., MPH

William Huang, M.D.

Malvika Juneja, M.D., FAAFP

Chelsea Mendonca, M.D.

FEEDBACK CHAMPION AWARDS FCM Clerkship Faculty

Preceptors honored for their exemplary written narrative feedback to medical students:

Q3 January – March 2025

- **Raphael Yang, M.D.**
- **Chad Scott, M.D. (volunteer)**
- **Priya Ghael, M.D.**

Q4 April – June 2025

- **Aysenur Akoglu, M.D.**
- **Monica Aida Prado, M.D.**
- **Erica Subodh Shroff, M.D.**



RESIDENCY

BAYLOR FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM Class of 2028

In March 2025, 11 learners matched with our residency program. Eight residents are training exclusively in Greater Houston, while three will support East Texas after completing a year of interning locally.



**DANIELA ALMAGUER
SERRANO, D.O.**
ATSU



RACHEL DEAN, M.D.
UT Health San Antonio



SHALINI GHURYE, M.D.
TTUHSC



**YSABELLE
MARTINEZ, D.O.**
UNT Health Fort Worth



SEBASTIAN MEZA, D.O.
UNT Health Fort Worth



**CHANHYUN
"ANDREW" PARK, D.O.**
UNT Health Fort Worth



JOSEPH RECIO, M.D.
UT Health San Antonio



**NICHOLAS
VOJTKOFSKY, M.D.**
TTUHSC



**EGBERANMWEN
ENOBAKHARE, M.D.**
UNIBEN School of Medicine



**DAMIAN
GRYBOWSKI, M.D.**
PUMS



ZARAK SAMOO, M.D.
Ziauddin Medical College



RESIDENCY

RESIDENT GRADUATES Class of 2025

In June 2025, eight PGY-3 residents in the Houston track graduated from the Baylor Family Medicine Residency Program. During their training, they received hands-on experience in primary care guided by dedicated preceptors. We proudly support them as they pursue the next phase of their medical careers.

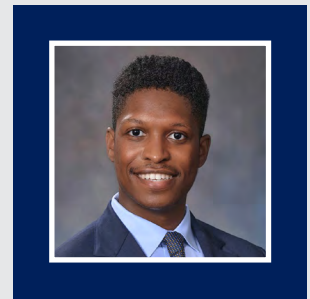


Karla Giovana Gonzales, D.O., Dorcas Mokandu Omari, MBChB, and Ivonne Boeta, M.D. were the first residents to graduate in the Lufkin track in June 2025. They were featured in [The Lufkin Daily News](#), along with highlights of the positive effects that the program has had on healthcare in East Texas. We look forward to celebrating more rural residency graduates in the future.



RESIDENT FEATURE TAFP

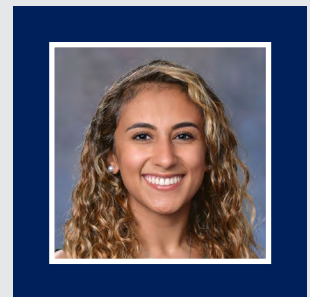
[Member of the Month:
Brendon Martin, MD](#)



BRENDON MARTIN, M.D.

RESIDENT MENTION BCM Family

[Baylor hosts annual Gold
Humanism Honor Society
induction ceremony](#)



SANDY SAMAN,
M.D., MBA

CHIEF RESIDENTS Appointed for FY2026

- Huda Khan, M.D.
- Katherine Ly, D.O.
- Kyle Swartz, M.D.



ENDOWMENTS

DEPARTMENT EDUCATIONAL FUNDING Pathways to Family Medicine

Family and Community Medicine is close to reaching our goal of **\$100,000** to award scholarships. Current contributions are distributed to exceptional individuals who demonstrate their commitment to family medicine. Trainees and students receive opportunities to participate in scholarly activities with faculty preceptors. Visit our [donations web page](#) to support our learners.



PGY-2 RESIDENT Northwest Track

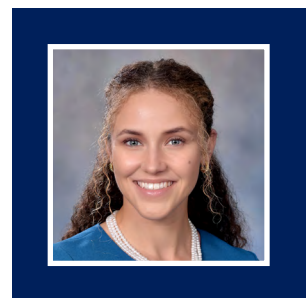
"Travel funding has allowed me to attend national conferences and fully engage in workshops, network with others, and learn from leaders in family medicine. Funding opportunities motivate residents to participate in research and QI projects which are vital to professional development and strengthen the educational culture of our program."



ADAM MENDONCA, M.D.

FOURTH-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT Pursuing Family Medicine, FMIG President

"I received funding to attend the Society for Teachers in Family Medicine Medical Student Education conference last year where I had the opportunity to network with faculty and students who shared my passion for FM. As a Baylor Student, having an FM interest can sometimes feel a bit isolating as most of your cohort gun for surgical subspecialties. Especially during my third year, I began to feel really discouraged about the field, but thanks to STFM and the amazing networking I did there, my excitement and passion were renewed. I had the opportunity to see people like me excelling in their field and contributing greatly to improving medical student education. It was inspiring, and I couldn't have done it without funding from Baylor."



MAKENNA MAY

While STFM has been an incredible source of connections, I would love to be able to attend more AAFP conferences. There is great family medicine being practiced around the country, and gaining exposure to that would certainly entice more people like me to pursue family medicine. Additionally, these conferences offer up inter-institutional projects that can build bridges for future residency applicants and interested students to traverse."



RESEARCH

OTHER ACADEMIC VOICES CME-Credited Webinar Series

Family and Community Medicine hosts "Other Academic Voices," supported by the Community and Stakeholder Engagement Module of the Consortium for Translational and Precision Health (CTPH). **Roger Zoorob, M.D., MPH, FAAFP** is the Co-Lead of the Community Core of the CTPH. The webinar series facilitates conversations between providers and researchers of complex issues impacting communities. The goal is to encourage investigators to take a community-centered approach in their research.

In May 2025, Kathy Givens, co-founder of Twelve 11 Partners, presented: "Exploring Intersectionality and Building Meaningful Partnerships with Survivors of Trafficking."

In June 2025, Heather Becker, Ph.D., research scientist at UT Austin School of Nursing, presented: "Differences in Health Outcomes among Cancer Patients with Pre-Existing Disabilities and Co-Morbid Conditions."

NEW GRANT TAFP Foundation

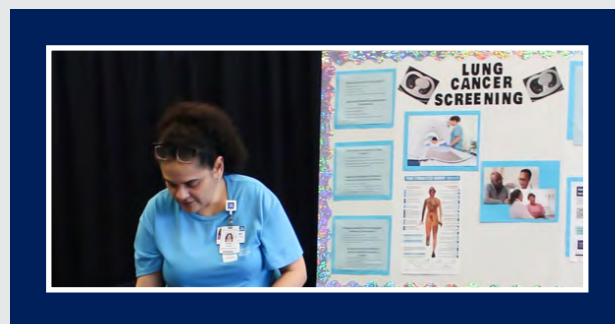
Ashley Collazo, M.D., MPH, primary care research postdoctoral fellow, received **\$10,000** in May 2025 from the TAFP Foundation for her research project, "Knowledge, Treatment Practices, and Preventative Strategies for Urinary Tract Infections (UTI) in Spanish-Speaking Women." Dr. Collazo is exploring the experience and knowledge of UTIs in a specific population. **Larissa Grigoryan, M.D., Ph.D., MPH, MSc** is a faculty mentor on the project.

CPRIT PROJECT ACTIVITIES Community Outreach Events

From April to May 2025, Luis Rustveld, Ph.D., RD, LD and his research team, including **Ajeesh Sunny, M.S.**, **Christina Villarreal**, and **Carlos Guajardo, M.A.**, participated in several health fairs. They provided attendees with information on colorectal, prostate, and breast cancer awareness, as well as cancer prevention. Dr. Rustveld also addressed audience questions in an open forum.



In February 2025, **Adriana Rangel, MPH, RRT, CTTS** and **Joanna Rodriguez** set up a resource table at Senior Fest 2025 in Lake Jackson, Texas and the East Texas Mega Heart Health Fair, along with **Kyle Swartz, M.D.**, resident in the Lufkin track. These initiatives were sponsored through the grant, "CPRIT expansion of the LCTC Network to Rural and Medically Underserved Populations."





KUDOS

FCM FACULTY PROMOTIONS January – June 2025

Assistant Professors

- Ming Chao, ANP-C
- Nichole Rosette, DNP

Associate Professors

- Diana Blicharski, M.D.
- B. Joy Blumenreich, M.D., FAAFP

TEMPLE FACULTY PROMOTION Jason Ramm, M.D., FAAFP

Congratulations to Dr. Ramm, our academic partner at the Temple campus, on his appointment as chair of the Department of Family Medicine and the Central Texas Regions clinics with Baylor Scott & White Health. We are excited for more collaborations with him and his team of faculty preceptors educating medical students interested in family medicine.

BCM FACULTY AWARDS DAY May 2025

Master Clinician Faculty Award for Excellence in Patient Care

- Alicia Kowalchuk, D.O., FASAM

Clark Faculty Service Award

- Malvika Juneja, M.D., FAAFP

Norton Rose Fulbright Faculty Excellence Award for Educational Research

- Arindam Sarkar, M.D., FAAFP

John P. McGovern Outstanding Teacher Award in Clinical Sciences

- Arindam Sarkar, M.D., FAAFP

Early Career Faculty Award for Excellence in Patient Care

- Mike Ren, M.D.

Star Faculty Award for Excellence in Patient Care

- Diana Atwal, M.D., M.A.
- Dana Clark, M.D.
- Bharat Joshi, M.D., FAAFP
- Nidhi Mehrotra, MBBS
- Ursula Tawbi, M.D.





KUDOS

POP AWARD

Fabrizia Faustinella, M.D., Ph.D., MACP

Dr. Faustinella was chosen as a faculty recipient of Baylor College of Medicine's Power of Professionalism Award in January 2025.

POP AWARD

Arindam Sarkar, M.D., FAAFP

Dr. Sarkar also accepted the Power of Professionalism Award from Baylor's Center for Professionalism in January 2025.

PATIENT CARE RECOGNITION

Aysenur Akoglu, M.D.

Dr. Akoglu was acknowledged for outstanding patient care during Baylor Medicine's Clinical Practice Committee meeting in February 2025.

PEAR AWARD

Anees Fatima, M.D., FAAFP

Dr. Fatima received the College's Professional Educator Appreciation and Recognition Award for the second time this FY2025, in March 2025.

MEDICAL SOCIETY INDUCTEES

FCM Chair and Faculty

Roger Zoorob, M.D., MPH, FAAFP, Rashmi Rode, M.D., FAAFP, and Hammad Mahmood, M.D., MBA were inducted into the AOA Honor Medical Society - Texas Beta Chapter at Baylor in March 2025.

FCM FACULTY EXCELLENCE

FY2025 Award Recipients

Chair's Recognition Award

- Lisa Danek, M.D., MBA, FAAFP
- Jacqueline Hirth, Ph.D., MPH

Outstanding Clinician Award

- Elizabeth Bosquez, M.D.
- Raphael Yang, M.D.

Outstanding Educator Award

- Diana Atwal, M.D., M.A.
- Chelsea Mendonca, M.D.

Outstanding Researcher Award

- Rashmi Rode, M.D., FAAFP
- Luis Rustveld, Ph.D., RD, LD

Outstanding Service Award

- Kenneth Barning, M.D.
- Malvika Juneja, M.D., FAAFP
- Hammad Mahmood, M.D., MBA





KUDOS

HOUSTONIA MAGAZINE Top Doctors Chosen by Peers

Family Medicine 2024

- Mike Ren, M.D.
- Mohamad Sidani, M.D., M.S., FAAFP
- Roger Zoorob, M.D., MPH, FAAFP

Family Medicine 2025

- Kenneth Barning, M.D.
- Sara Javed, D.O.
- Arindam Sarkar, M.D., FAAFP
- Mohamad Sidani, M.D., M.S., FAAFP
- Roger Zoorob, M.D., MPH, FAAFP

HARRIS HEALTH Provider Recognition Program

Top Performers Named in February 2025

- Anjali Aggarwal, M.D., FAAFP
- Arindam Sarkar, M.D., FAAFP
- Thomas Porter, M.D.
- Mohammad Aimal Khoaja, M.D.
- Janie Anders, MPAS, PA-C
- Melissa Johnson, M.S., FNP-C

Most Improved Named in February 2025

- Phong Luu, M.D.
- Itai Ojo, D.O.
- Anita Tian, FNP, M.S.
- Ann Gotschall, M.D.
- Misba Lateef, M.D.
- Melissa Johnson, M.S., FNP-C
- Christina Okusanya, DNP

CYPRESS HEALTH CENTER Patient Satisfaction Scores

Provider Listened Recognition July – October 2024

- Melissa Johnson, M.S., FNP-C

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS Faculty Achievements

Anjali Aggarwal, M.D., FAAFP

Dr. Aggarwal earned a consortium faculty academic mentor teaching award from The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship Houston-Galveston in July 2024.

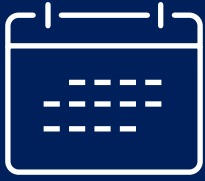
Arindam Sarkar, M.D., FAAFP

Dr. Sarkar is a recipient of the AAMC M. Brownell Anderson Award from the 2025 Joint SGEA/SGSA/SOSR Regional Conference in April 2025.

Anees Fatima, M.D., FAAFP

Dr. Fatima was presented with the Highest Fundraising Team Captain Award from the Harris County Health Department in June 2025. As the leader of the Team Casa Conquerors with the Harris Health Casa de Amigos Health Center, she oversaw their fundraising efforts during the 2025 Annual TexasMedRun Fundraiser. For the second consecutive year, the team raised the most donations. This year, proceeds were in support of the Harris Health Heart Health Initiative.





HAPPENINGS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENTS

Martin Luther King Jr. Health Center Health Fair

Soujanya Challa, MBBS, Christina Okusanya, DNP, Usha Surapaneni, MBBS, Jennifer Okoh, MBBS, MPH, FAAFP, and Carol Manning, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC provided health screenings for blood pressure, BMI, cervical cancer, HPV, mammogram, and HIV, as well as immunizations and information on financial assistance and the Houston Food Bank at the Harris Health Martin Luther King Jr. Health Center in January 2025.



2025 Black Family Wellness Expo

Jonnae Atkinson, M.D., M.S., FAAFP, Rekha Afzalpurkar, M.D., LaTasha R. Smith, MBA, CPC, Noreen Pirzada, M.D., Jo Anna Fields-Gilmore, M.D., MPH, M.S., Itai Ojo, D.O., Kiara Olmeda, M.S., Ambreen Mujahid, M.D., Dr. Okoh, Homayoun Ataei, M.D., Dr. Surapaneni, Elisa Rivera-Hayes, MPA-S, Afroze Ali, M.D., Misba Lateef, M.D., Sasha Robeye, M.D., Amy Isidahomen, and Joanna Rodriguez engaged with the Greater Fifth Ward community and offered important health services at Finnigan Park in March 2025.



The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

Connie Y. Dupler, MHA/MBA, Ms. Isidahomen, Ms. Rodriguez, Eber Lopez, MBA, Lisa Lopez, Palicia Garner, and April Walker, M.A., LPC, NCTTP volunteered with Baylor College of Medicine at NRG Center in March 2025.



Alief Independent School District Health Fair

Dr. Atkinson and Dr. Fields-Gilmore performed blood pressure and prediabetes screenings, and educated attendees on the importance of preventive health and primary care at Alief Taylor High School in May 2025.

Refugee Health Fair 2025

Dr. Pirzada, Dr. Ataei, Christina Babu, M.D., Diana Atwal, M.D., M.A., Dr. Ali, and Dr. Mujahid served as preceptors for medical students and helped at the general health screening station at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in June 2025.





HAPPENINGS

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT **First Annual FCM Wellness Day**

Malvika Juneja, M.D., FAAFP managed Family and Community Medicine's first wellness event in April 2025 addressing physical, mental, and financial well-being. Her team of staff and faculty included: Lisa Lopez, LaTasha R. Smith, MBA, CPC, Ursula Tawbi, M.D., Diana Atwal, M.D., M.A., B. Joy Blumenreich, M.D., FAAFP, and Kamna Bansal, M.D., with support from Roger Zoorob, M.D., MPH, FAAFP. The agenda covered a variety of topics centered on wellness and provided networking opportunities to learn about the department's resources for various development activities like faculty awards, discussions on clinical efficiency, and tech training for enhanced features in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Special Thank-You to the Presenters:

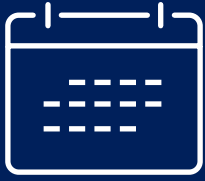
- BCM BeWell Program – Kevin Ellis and Dr. Bansal
- Tai Chi for Beginners – Master Blue
- Burnout Mitigation – Venessa Pinto, M.D.
- Breathing and Meditation – Dr. Tawbi
- Physical Therapy Care for Doctors – Harris Health Physical Therapy and Dr. Blumenreich
- BCM Benefits – Angela Garcia and BCM HR
- Balancing PTO and Productivity – Dr. Juneja
- Biometric Screenings – Jesse Gavin's Team



FEATURED FACULTY **Bharat Joshi, M.D., FAAFP**

In FY2025, Dr. Joshi contributed to initiatives focused on faculty and trainee development. Most notably, he spoke at the "TenTalks" presentation at main Baylor in March 2025. As a Power of Professionalism award recipient, he shared the ways in which following professional principles has shaped his career in medicine. Dr. Joshi also gave presentations within the department:

- "Chronic Kidney Disease Management" for the FCM Residency Core Curriculum in April 2025.
- "Venous Thromboembolism (VTE) Updates" for the FCM Guidelines, Recommendations, and Updates Session in March 2025.
- "Immigrant and Refugee Health, Preventive and Clinical Care" for the FCM Residency Core Curriculum in January 2025.



HAPPENINGS

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Various Works and Events

Kenneth Barning, M.D.

Dr. Barning was elected as a member constituency alternate delegate to the American Academy of Family Physicians Congress of Delegates and 2026 member constituency co-convener for the international medical graduates constituency at the National Conference of Constituency Leaders held in April 2025.

Fabrizia Faustinella, M.D., Ph.D., MACP

Dr. Faustinella attended the American College of Physicians Internal Medicine Meeting in April 2025, where there was an official ceremony for the Mastership Award that she received in October 2024.

Rashmi Rode, M.D., FAAFP

Dr. Rode was chosen as a member of the 2025 Council of Specialty Societies for the Harris County Medical Society in January 2025. Also, she was appointed to the Executive Committee of the Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies as a Texas Academy of Family Physicians representative in May 2025.

Arindam Sarkar, M.D., FAAFP

Dr. Sarkar led a virtual coaching session for medical students in February 2025. Hosted by Baylor College of Medicine's Student Opportunities for Advancement in Research program, the session connected him with learners to provide support and direction in preparing posters and presentations for conferences. In addition, Dr. Sarkar graduated from Baylor's Master Teacher Fellowship Program in May 2025.

FEB. TAFP PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Rashmi Rode, M.D., FAAFP



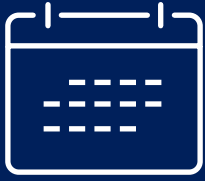
In February 2025, Dorcas Mokandu Omari, MBChB, PGY-3 family medicine resident, accompanied Dr. Rode to the Texas legislative session held in Austin.

TAFP PHYSICIAN OF THE DAY

Chelsea Mendonca, M.D.



In March 2025, Adam Mendonca, M.D., PGY-2 family medicine resident, accompanied Dr. Mendonca to the Texas legislative session held in Austin.



HAPPENINGS

BAYLOR SENATE GATHERING FCM Senators



CTPH CEAB MEETING FCM Faculty and CEAB Members



50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT Harris Health Northwest Health Center



40+ YEARS OF SERVICE AT BAYLOR Roberta Torres, M.D.

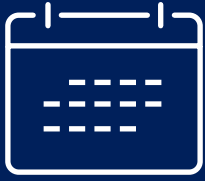


ELH CONFERENCE South-Central Regional



25 YEARS OF SERVICE AT BAYLOR B. Joy Blumenreich, M.D., FAAFP





HAPPENINGS

PATIENT EXPERIENCE WEEK Baylor Family Medicine - Upper Kirby



2025 NCCL DELEGATES Kenneth Barning, M.D.



INTERFAITH HEALTH EVENT Baylor College of Medicine



2025 NEW YEAR'S GATHERING Family and Community Medicine





SPOTLIGHT

FEATURED STAFF

Administrative Team Member

Ms. Villanueva, senior research administration associate, is instrumental to Family and Community Medicine's research mission. Through her extensive knowledge of grant applications, she has helped our investigators secure millions in funding within the last two years since she joined the department in 2023. Faculty rely on Ms. Villanueva's expertise to navigate the grant proposal process. Before taking on her current position, she gained six years of hands-on research and financial experience at Baylor College of Medicine.



**MARIANA VILLANUEVA,
M.S., CRA**

Her career at the College began in 2017 as a research assistant for the lab managed by Andrew Sikora, M.D., Ph.D., former vice chair for research and co-director of Baylor's Head and Neck Cancer Program, and the Patient-Derived Xenograft and Advanced In Vivo Models Core. Ms. Villanueva enjoyed contributing to cutting-edge work, including growing tumors in chicken eggs and running a variety of experiments. By 2020, she accepted an opportunity for more operational responsibilities with the research administration associate role in Baylor's Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.

Ms. Villanueva's interest in research stems from her college years at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees in biomedical sciences. She was an active member of the Aggie Research Leadership Program, Aggie Scholars Promoting Incentive, Resources, and Encouragement (ASPIRE) Program, and the Century Scholars. Aside from academic associations, she was involved with the Texas A&M Cycling Team.

Outside of the office, Ms. Villanueva is a well-rounded individual with several hobbies. Her main pastimes are cycling, reading, attending concerts, spending time outdoors, and crocheting while her dog, Mia, rests on her lap. Mia is the latest addition to the household after Ms. Villanueva found her wandering alone on a major road and completed a months-long search for her owners. As evident in her personal life and professional endeavors, Ms. Villanueva consistently demonstrates compassion and dependability.





WELCOME



**CHINWE
EZENNA, D.O.**

Assistant Professor, Community
Health Program Floater



**BINDHU GEORGE,
RN, BSN, MSN, FNP-BC**

Instructor,
Same Day Clinics



**KARTHIK
GURUMURTHY, M.D.**

Assistant Professor,
Northwest Health Center



**ANUSHA
JAGADISH, D.O.**

Assistant Professor, Baylor
Family Medicine – River Oaks



BRITTNEY HARRIS

Medical Assistant,
Baylor Family Medicine – Upper Kirby



TANQUA SANDERS

Medical Assistant,
Baylor Family Medicine – Upper Kirby



OLIVIA THIBEAUX

Medical Assistant,
Baylor Family Medicine – Fannin Tower



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Radvansky, Ren M – Contributor. [Now, that's what I call high yield: Microbiology \(antibiotics & opportunistic infections\)](#). Blueprint Med School Blog. 2025 May 13

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Ren M. [USMLE score reporting: What to expect in 2025](#). Blueprint Med School Blog. 2025 Apr 15

Ren M. [Match Day 2025 retrospective: Trends, insights, & lessons](#). Blueprint Med School Blog. 2025 Mar 27

Ren M. [When your NBME practice exam scores say no, but your calendar says yes](#). Blueprint Med School Blog. 2025 Mar 25



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Ren M. [How to be a strong residency applicant at pass/fail medical schools](#). Blueprint Med School Blog. 2025 Mar 11

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Ren M. [What to consider when ranking OB/GYN residency programs](#). Blueprint Med School Blog. 2025 Jan 9

Ren M. [What to consider when ranking psychiatry residency programs](#). Blueprint Med School Blog. 2025 Jan 2

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Ren M. [Flourish with feedback: Making the most of residency evaluations](#). Rosh Review Blog. 2025 May 30

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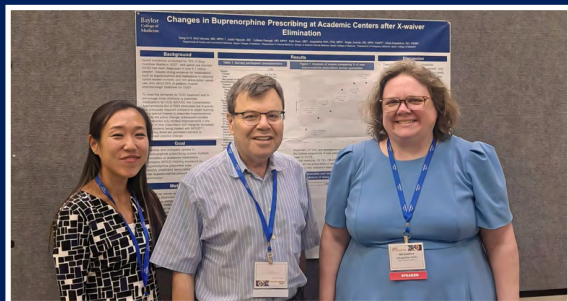
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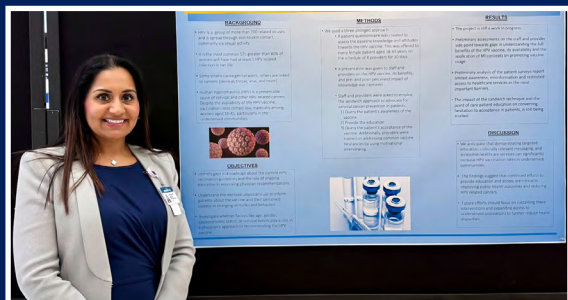
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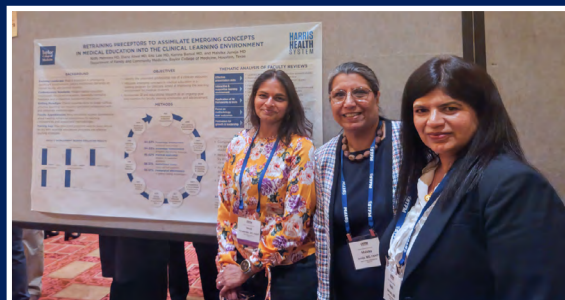
HARRIS HEALTH/BAYLOR Research Day



BAYLOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT Patient Safety Conference



STFM SPRING Conference



REGIONAL FAMILY MEDICINE Research Symposium



STFM MSE Conference





PRESENTATIONS

INTERNATIONAL

Fifth International Conference on Future of Preventive Medicine and Public Health | March 20-22, 2025

Hirth JM, Rode R, Sarkar A, Gutierrez J, Rajvong W, Nguyen J, Rosen JS, Zoorob RJ. Use of declarative statements and strong recommendation to increase COVID and flu vaccination in a community safety-net primary care clinic.

NATIONAL

SER 2025 Annual Meeting | Jun 10-13, 2025

Rajvong W, Hirth JM, Nguyen J, Robinson W, Walther C, Zoorob R. The effects of flooding on access to healthcare in Houston.

2025 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting | Jun 7-10, 2025

Rajvong W, Nguyen J, Sarkar A, Rode R, Gutierrez J, Zoorob R, Hirth J. The implementation of declarative statements and strong recommendations to increase COVID and flu vaccination rates in a community safety-net primary care clinic.

Hirth JM, Rajvong W, Gutierrez J, Sidani M, Zoorob R. Expansion of a primary-care led lung cancer screening program in East Texas.

Collazo A, Ramsey D, Grigoryan L, Hernandez R, Pesikoff J, Donnelly JP, Stevens VW, Naik AD, Trautner BW. Comparative effectiveness of two implementation strategies for a nationwide antibiotic stewardship program.

Collazo A, Grigoryan L, Zoorob R, Trautner BW, Skelton F. Physiologic differences in vital signs and urine tests in spinal cord injury and the effects on urinary tract infection diagnosis.

Collazo A, Amenta E, Olmeda K, Zoorob R, Trautner BW, Grigoryan L. Effectiveness of bi-directional patient-provider communication tools aimed at changing patient medication behavior in the outpatient setting: A scoping review.

Kim-Vences SH, Nguyen J, Keough C, Suen K, Hirth JM, Zoorob R, Kowalchuk A. Changes in buprenorphine prescribing at academic centers after X-waiver elimination.



PRESENTATIONS

2025 APA Annual Meeting | May 17–21, 2025

Ai D, Seaborn L, Aggarwal A. Coming home: Fostering community among LGBTQ+ youth with a medical student-led support group.

2025 SGIM Annual Meeting | May 14–17, 2025

Kim-Vences SH, Hirth JM, Zoorob RJ, Lee TH. Comparison of thirty-day re-admissions and mortality by insurance status among patients with cirrhosis.

2025 STFM Annual Spring Conference | May 3–7, 2025

Ly K, Ojo I, Aggarwal A, Rode R, Sidani M. Procedural workshop with simulations for family medicine residents.

McCurry V, Juneja M. Can empathy be taught? Furthermore can it be measured? Challenges with health equity curriculum implementation.

Juneja M, Sarkar A, Zoorob R. Competency, context, career and communities of practice: The emerging evidence for collaboration in faculty development.

Franks R, Clark D. Evaluation of a preclinical elective focused on the care of unhoused patients.

Caldwell M, He C, Gonzalez C, Choi N, Aggarwal A. Medical student perceptions and expectations of community preceptors.

Hirth JM, Gonzalez S, Zoorob R, Kowalchuk A. Rural/urban clinician differences in knowledge about alcohol and other substance use disorders and treatment.

Levine R, Hirth JM, Ostovar-Kermani T. Deaths of despair: A major and increasing contributor to US deaths among females of childbearing age (1999–2022).

Bui R, Xie M, Juneja M. Precision learning: Just-in-time clinical education and resource management.

Mendonca C, Sarkar A, Rode R. Implementing "CaMP" counselors for individualized FM resident plans.

Mahmood H, Juneja M, Varadarajan S, Rode R, Zoorob R, Bell J, Oglesbee J, Licato L. Enhancing team dynamics: Exploring leadership styles in residency training.

Varadarajan S, Juneja M. Early is on time: Introducing health system science in medical education.



PRESENTATIONS

Rode R, Sarkar A, Mendonca C. Enhancing feedback and evaluation processes in family medicine residency: Implementing objective criteria and structured mentoring.

Selected as a Blue Ribbon Award Winner

Collazo A, Amenta E, Olmeda K, Valentine-King M, Laytner L, Mancera A, Zoorob R, Paasche-Orlow MK, Street RL Jr, Trautner BW, Grigoryan L. A screening question to assess risk of using antibiotics without a prescription: A diagnostic study.

Arpas MKD, Yarlagadda S, Yang D. Early detection of fatty liver in obese patients: The role of point-of-care ultrasound.

Mendonca A, Tawbi U. Lost opportunity: Is the Medicare wellness visit changing the trajectory of patients' mental health.

Crumbley C, Khoury S, Mendonca A, Juneja S, Hirth JM, Mendonca C, Rode R. Are we being culturally sensitive? Assessing disparities in cervical cancer screening timeliness.

Khan H, Jose J, Rode R. Impact of educational interventions for resident physicians on sleep-wake disorder management.

Hadley T, Davlapur J, Holmes W. Enhancing clinical performance through deliberate practice: A quality improvement initiative.

Jose J, Everett T, Beldin J, Shakhawat R, Rahman S, Nguyen T, Rode R. Introduction to dermoscopy and the integration of dermoscopy into e-consults.

Selected as a Blue Ribbon Award Winner

Kuncharapu I, Hirth JM. Outcomes of diabetic retinopathy screening in family medicine community safety net clinic patients.

Mehrotra N, Atwal D, Lee E, Bansal K, Juneja M. Retraining preceptors to assimilate emerging concepts in medical education into the clinical learning environment.

Frank A, Mahajan M, Rode R, Villegas J. Cross-generational teamwork: Leading to make the dream work.

SHEA Spring 2025 Conference: Science Guiding Prevention | April 27-30, 2025

Collazo A, Trautner B, Campbell R, Mancera A, Olmeda K, Faustinella F, Sidani M, Danek L, Barning K, Paasche-Orlow M, Zoorob R, Grigoryan L. Patient perceptions of an educational intervention to reduce urine sample contamination.



PRESENTATIONS

66TH Annual National Student Research Forum | April 5, 2025

Ju J, Kim-Vences SH, Nguyen J, Hirth JM, Zoorob RJ. Uptake in buprenorphine prescribing after X-waiver elimination: Results from a nationwide, multispecialty survey.

Sewell T, Ehondor J, Rode R, Hirth JM. Vaccine hesitancy in adults.

Vasu V, Ren M, Hirth JM. Assessing caregiver stress: Identifying risk factors and effective interventions in primary care settings.

Juneja S, Zoorob RJ, Kincaid L, Gonzalez S, Hirth JM, Kowalchuk AA. Evaluation of a substance use disorder recovery program.

Zoorob EG, Gutierrez J, Broussard M, Olvera A, Hirth JM. Mental health access and mental health symptoms among migrant communities in the Houston region.

2025 NCEAS Annual Conference | Feb. 24-25, 2025

Valdez K, Caceres I, Aggarwal A. Assessing health literacy among Hispanic adolescents on probation: A study of understanding and awareness.

ADFM 2025 Annual Conference | Feb. 18-21, 2025

Catinella P, Zoorob R, Koopman R. 2025 Chairs' skills workshop - Blueprints for success: Strategic planning and culture building for new chairs.

2025 STFM Conference on Medical Student Education | Jan. 30 - Feb. 2, 2025

Juneja M, Sarkar A, Atwal D, Bansal K. Emergence of competency- and skills-based assessment tools for medical students.

Sarkar A, Boedeker P, Keyes S, Corriveau M, Aggarwal A, Porter-Tucci L. Overcoming barriers in motivating preceptors to perform workplace-based assessments.

Sarkar A, Chartash D, Boulahouache L, May M, Crumbley C, Heidelbaugh J. Empowering preceptors to better discern reasoning deficits from knowledge gaps.

Mahmood H, Rode R, Juneja M, Bell J. Empowering growth: The role of coaching in medical education and leadership development.



PRESENTATIONS

Rode R, Joshi B, Waqar A, Aggarwal A, Bhattarai S, Danek L, Juneja S. Integrating procedural skills into medical school curricula to bolster interest in primary care.

May M, DeCuir J, Nadella M, Mercado A, Juneja M. Impact of a first year service elective on medical student interest in primary care.

Huang W, Barning K, Atkinson J. Handling a student mistreatment concern: Do I stop using the faculty preceptor or is it appropriate to offer remediation?

Aggarwal A, Zoorob R, Rode R, Sarkar A, Nadella M, Cerda L, Osterlund N, Miranda B, Huang W. Educating and enhancing the ability of medical students to provide for and communicate with underserved populations.

Juneja M, McCurry V, Cantu A. Can empathy be taught? Challenges in teaching health equity curriculum to medical students.

Kim J, Sewell T, Prabakaran N, Motakef M, Waqar A, Joshi B, Lee E, Danek L, Mehrotra N, Pirzada N, Rode R, Bhattarai S, Zoorob R, Aggarwal A. Addressing gaps in preclerkship students' procedural skills: A workshop series with simulations.

REGIONAL

2025 Joint SGEA/SGSA/SOSR Regional Conference | April 28-30, 2025

Crumbley C. was Presented with the 2025 Medical Education Scholarship Award for Outstanding Presentation by a Trainee

Crumbley C, Szauter K, Karnath B, Sonstein L, Belalcazar LM, Qureshi S. The impact of a department intervention on medical student performance evaluation (MSPE) narratives.

2025 Regional Family Medicine Research Symposium | April 26, 2025

First Place Blue Ribbon Award

Crumbley C, Khoury S, Mendonca A, Juneja S, Hirth J, Mendonca C, Rode R. Are we being culturally sensitive? Assessing disparities in cervical cancer screening timeliness.

Pri-Med Southwest Primary Care CME/CE Conference & Expo | April 10-12, 2025

Uzamere Y. Women's health in focus: Current trends and clinical advances in peri-menopause and beyond.



PRESENTATIONS

2025 APSA South Regional Meeting | Feb. 21, 2025

Nguyen J, Kim-Vences SH, Keough C, Suen K, Hirth JM, Zoorob R, Kowalchuk A. Effect of training exposure on buprenorphine prescribing after X-waiver elimination.

2025 Shine Academy Innovations in Health Science Education Conference | Feb. 20-21, 2025

Crumbley C, Szauter K, Karnath B, Sonstein L, Belalcazar LM, Qureshi S. The impact of a department intervention on medical student performance evaluation (MSPE) narratives.

Eighth Annual Texas Medical Center Antimicrobial Resistance and Stewardship Conference | Jan. 15-17, 2025

Collazo A, Trautner B, Campbell R, Mancera A, Olmeda K, Faustinella F, Sidani M, Danek L, Barning K, Paasche-Orlow MK, Zoorob R, Grigoryan L. Patient perceptions of an educational intervention to reduce urine sample contamination.

LOCAL

Family and Community Medicine (FCM) Grand Rounds | June 10, 2025

Ataei H. Functional gastrointestinal disorders (FGIDs).

Harris Health/Baylor College of Medicine Research Day 2025 | May 14, 2025

Sarkar A, Orr J, Ras E, Escoto S, Walker D, Wright R, Khan FM, Danek LC. Improving hypertension control in a community health center through dedicated appointments.

Collazo A, Rodriguez JL, Wermuth P, Olmeda K, Mancera A, Zoorob R, Trautner BW, Grigoryan L. "In Texas, everybody wants antibiotics": Managing expectations with a provider-patient communication tool for safe antibiotic use.

Akhter ZN, Broussard M, Gutierrez JA, Zoorob R, Hirth JM. The role of cultural humility in current clinical approaches towards culturally diverse patients in chronic disease management in the Houston metro area.

Guo S, Kim-Vences SH, Khotta N, et al. Mapping buprenorphine access at Harris County pharmacies.

Haykal M, Sampathkumar K, Alobaidi A, Sanchez R, Hirth JM, Shah A, Moukaddam N. Characterization of patients accessing services at the Houston Recovery Center.



PRESENTATIONS

Haykal M, Hirth JM, Sampathkumar K, Alobaidi A, Sanchez R, Shah A, Moukaddam N. Assessment of a psychiatry program to increase patient access to mental health treatment at the Houston Recovery Center.

Miranda B, Kowalchuk A, Zoorob RJ, Hirth JM. Evaluation of integrate primary care services at a women's substance use recovery and treatment center.

Family and Community Medicine (FCM) Grand Rounds | May 13, 2025

Joshi B. Immigrants and refugees health: Physicians role in clinical care and advocacy.

Baylor College of Medicine 11TH Annual Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Conference | May 8, 2025

Mehrotra N, Ghael P, Nambi P, Lee E, Khoury S, Mujahid A, Ali A, Bansal K, Aguilar M, Sodipo A, Cortez E, Valenzuela R, Aguilera A, Hirth JM, Juneja M. Improving diabetic foot exam (DFE) rates by framing DFE as a procedure requiring patient consent and shared engagement.

Ghael P, Mehrotra N, Lee E, Khoury S, Khera D, Khera N, Hirth J, Juneja M. Empowering women: A quality improvement initiative to increase HPV vaccine education and uptake in adults aged 18-45.

Ju J, Kim-Vences SH, Cohen S, et al. Assessment of buprenorphine availability in Harris County chain pharmacies.

2025 Housestaff Virtual Research Symposium | April 21-25, 2025

Brehm TJ, Grigoryan L, Dillon L, Haltom TM, Trautner BW. Urinary tract infections in outpatient men: An analysis of clinicians' diagnostic and treatment patterns.

Second Place in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety (QIPS)

Kotta N, Kim-Vences SH, Ju J, Guo S, Bagwell N, Nguyen J, Coehn AS, Champagne-Langabeer T, Hirth J, Zoorob R, Keough C. Assessment of buprenorphine availability in Harris County pharmacies.

Third Annual Opioid Use Disorder Conference | April 11, 2025

Kowalchuk A. Santa Maria Hostel: Providing community-based, specialized SUD treatment for women and their families.

Family and Community Medicine (FCM) Grand Rounds | March 18, 2025

Khan H. Management of insomnia in primary care setting.



PRESENTATIONS

25TH Annual Henry J.N. Taub & James K. Alexander Medical Student Research Symposium | March 6, 2025

Caceres I, Ruml A, Zhu H, Aggarwal A. Socioeconomic and demographic disparities in atopic dermatitis: Insights from the All of Us database.

Buranosky B, Dotson L, Franks R, Morales J, Young A, Rode R, Aggarwal A. Assessing hurricane preparedness among primary care providers in the Gulf Coast hurricane region.

Second Place Award in Community Based/Health Science Research

Bandlapalli N, Cao A, May M, Aggarwal A. Teaching pediatric emotional development to mothers undergoing substance use disorder treatment through the film Inside Out.

Fontana S, Babalola D, Snellman L, He C, Moran G, Aggarwal A. Reproductive education and awareness for Texas at-risk young adults.

Bagwell N, Guo S, Kim-Vences SH, Nguyen J, Keough C, Suen K, Hirth J, Zoorob R, Kowalchuk A. Uptake in buprenorphine prescribing for opioid use disorder after X-waiver elimination.

Cua M, Fontana E, Aggarwal A. Identifying physician educational gaps and biases regarding prisoner healthcare and their consequences.

Ofori K, Rasool R, Rosa M, Aggarwal A. From clinic to community: Creating a local resource database.

Third Place Award in Community Based/Health Science Research

Sewell T, Ehondor J, Juneja M, Hirth J, Mahmood H, Mendonca C, Lee E, Nguyen S, Atwal D, Mehrotra N, Rode R. Understanding hesitancy towards vaccines for respiratory illnesses in underserved patient population.

Juneja S, Mendonca C, Mendonca A, Khoury S, Hirth J, Rode R. Assessing disparities in cervical cancer screening timeliness.

First Place Award in Educational Research

Grant S, Brock D, Engebretson H, Kamepalli S, Kumar A, Khan Z, Peoples N, Clark D. Relationship on volunteering at a student-run free clinic and matching into primary care specialties: A decade-long retrospective analysis.

Galbraith T, Vasu V, Sarkar A, Hirth JM. Student perceptions of a clinical reasoning workplace-based assessment.



PRESENTATIONS

Valdez K, Martinez A, Hernandez PG, Mitra S, **Aggarwal A**, Cauthen L. Enhancing medical student knowledge through didactic seminar focused on diabetic foot wound management.

Caldwell M, Gonzalez C, He C, Choi N, **Aggarwal A**. Medical student perceptions and expectations of community preceptors.

Jain S, Wu AX, Ram B, **Rode R**, **Aggarwal A**. The impact of an end-of-life care and pain management seminar on medical students' knowledge and confidence: An interventional study.

Franks R, **Clark D**. Evaluation of a preclinical elective focused on the care of unhoused patients.

Ehondor J, **Rode R**, **Aggarwal A**. Assessing and improving medical student knowledge on Houston's socio-demographic history and its implications on present day SDOH challenges.

Second Place Award in Quality Improvement

Seaborn L, Ai D, **Aggarwal A**. The impact of pride coalition on social belonging and life skills among LGBTQIA+ individuals experiencing homelessness.

FCM Fifth Annual Research Day | Feb 22, 2025

Educational Research

Blue Ribbon Area of Excellence: Significance

Galbraith T, Vasu V, **Sarkar A**, **Hirth J**. Student perceptions of a clinical reasoning workplace based assessment.

Ojo I, Ly K, **Aggarwal A**, **Rode R**, **Sidani M**. Procedural workshop with simulations for family medicine residents.

Wendt E. Pilot to support early relational health during well child visits.

Crew A, **Mahmood H**, **Juneja M**. Enhancing midterm feedback in family medicine clerkships: Integrating the WOOP exercise for meaningful student development.

Completed Research

Duong C, **Patterson D**, **Zottarelli L**, **Jones A**. Miscarriage incidents and maternal depression: Examining the mediating psychosocial variables.



PRESENTATIONS

First Place Overall: Medical Student

Nguyen J, Kim-Vences SH, Keough C, Suen K, Hirth JM, Zoorob R, Kowalchuk A. Effect of training exposure on buprenorphine prescribing after X-waiver elimination.

Robinson WL, Rajvong W, Walther C, Zoorob R, Hirth JM. The effects of COVID-19 on access to health-care in Houston.

Olmeda K, Brehm T, Grigoryan L, Mancera A, Zoorob R, Sidani M, Laytner L, Adams M, Trautner B. Pilot testing of a stakeholder-driven, patient education intervention in primary care to reduce use of antibiotics without a prescription.

Quality Improvement Completed

Blue Ribbon Area of Excellence: Impact

Jose J, Khan H, Rode R. Impact of educational interventions for resident physicians on sleep-wake disorder management.

Ali A, Afzalpurkar R, Mehrotra N, Nambi P, Mujahid A. Overcoming access, workflow and physician factors to improve cardiovascular outcomes in T2DM patients.

Afzalpurkar R, Juneja M, Zoorob R. Microalbuminuria screening needs integrated EMRs and efficient workflows.

Case Reports

Blue Ribbon Area of Excellence: Approach

Faustinella F, Ugarte C. Oral pathology in adults: Cases from the same day clinic.

Kotta N, Goli K, Ortiz E, Rueda J. Hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia: When AVMs cause stroke and hypoxemia.

Research Work in Progress

Third Place Overall: Fellow

Collazo A, Trautner B, Campbell R, Mancera A, Olmeda K, Faustinella F, Sidani M, Danek L, Barning K, Paasche-Orlow MK, Zoorob R, Grigoryan L. Patient perceptions of an educational intervention to reduce urine sample contamination.

Corriveau M, Hirth JM. Employee acceptance of a psychiatry program to increase client access to mental health treatment during the substance use withdrawal period: A qualitative program evaluation.



PRESENTATIONS

Blue Ribbon Area of Excellence: Innovation

Miranda BL, Kowalchuk A, Zoorob R, Hirth JM. Evaluation of integrated primary care services at a women's substance use recovery and treatment center.

Quality Improvement Work in Progress

Second Place Overall: Resident

Crumbley C, Khoury S, Mendonca A, Juneja S, Hirth JM, Mendonca C, Rode R. Are we being culturally sensitive? Assessing disparities in cervical cancer screening timeliness.

Ali A, Mehrotra N, Mujahid A, Afzalpurkar R, Nambi P. Beyond prescriptions: Impact of personalized after visit summaries and scheduled follow ups in uncontrolled diabetes patients.

Waqar A, Villatoro EE, Thomas J, Rome AC, Atkinson J. Group education for hypertension management at a community-based county clinic.

Joshi B, Bhattarai S. Weight management service in community clinic – A primary care perspective.

Mehrotra N, Ghael P, Khoury S, Lee E, Nambi P, Ali A, Mujahid A, Bansal K, Juneja M. Optimizing diabetic foot care: Enhancing examination rates with provider reminder cards.

Fourth Place Overall: FCM Faculty

Ghael P, Mehrotra N, Lee E, Khoury S, Khara D, Khara N, Hirth JM, Juneja M. Empowering women: A quality improvement initiative to increase HPV vaccine education and uptake in adults aged 18–45.

Fields-Gilmore JAR. Impact of regularly scheduled continuity of care on quality improvement outcomes.

Second Place Overall: Resident

Beldin J, Everett T, Jose J. Introduction to dermoscopy and the integration of dermoscopy into e-consults.

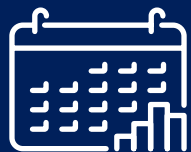
Family and Community Medicine (FCM) Grand Rounds | Feb. 11, 2025

Nambi P. Missed opportunities.

BCM Medical Student Research Presentation Monthly Sessions | Jan. 9, 2025

Valdez K, Caceres I, Aggarwal A. Assessing health literacy among Hispanic adolescents on probation: A study of understanding and awareness.

Ehondor J, Rode R, Aggarwal A. Assessing and improving medical student knowledge on Houston's socio-demographic history and its implications on present day social determinants of health (SDoH) challenges.



REVIEW

FY2025 AT A GLANCE

July 2024 - June 2025

Family and Community Medicine sustained productivity and continued development in FY2025. The department's annual review reflects consistent output and significant recognition of scholarly activities.



\$5.5M

Grant
Funding



85

Publications including
Blog/Web Articles



139

Presentations
and Posters



7

Faculty
Promotions



60

Faculty Recognition
Recipients



19

Awarded Presentations
and Posters



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Incoming
Residents and Fellow



3

Inaugural Graduates of
the Rural Residency



21

New
Employees



GLOSSARY

A

- **AAFP** – American Academy of Family Physicians
- **AAMC** – Association of American Medical Colleges
- **ADFM** – Association of Departments of Family Medicine
- **AOA** – Alpha Omega Alpha (ΑΩΑ) Honor Medical Society
- **APA** – American Psychiatric Association
- **APSA** – American Physician Scientists Association
- **ATSU** – A.T. Still University

B

- **BCM** – Baylor College of Medicine
- **BMI** – Body Mass Index

C

- **CEAB** – Community Engagement Advisory Board
- **CTPH** – Consortium for Translational and Precision Health

E

- **ELH** – Executive Leadership in Healthcare

F

- **FCM** – Family and Community Medicine
- **FM** – Family Medicine
- **FY** – Fiscal Year

L

- **LCTC** – Lung Cancer Screening and Tobacco Control

M

- **MSE** – Medical Student Education

N

- **NCCL** – National Conference of Constituency Leaders
- **NCEAS** – National Collaborative for Education to Address the Social Determinants of Health

P

- **PEAR** – Baylor's Professional Educator Appreciation and Recognition Award
- **PGY** – Postgraduate Year
- **POP** – Baylor's Power of Professionalism Award
- **PUMS** – Poznan University of Medical Sciences

Q

- **Q3** – Quarter Three: January through March
- **Q4** – Quarter Four: April through June
- **QI** – Quality Improvement

S

- **SER** – Society for Epidemiologic Research
- **SGEA** – Southern Group on Educational Affairs
- **SGIM** – Society of General Internal Medicine
- **SGSA** – Southern Group on Student Affairs
- **SHEA** – Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
- **SOSR** – Southern Organization of Student Representatives
- **STFM** – Society of Teachers of Family Medicine

T

- **TAFP** – Texas Academy of Family Physicians
- **TTUHSC** – Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

U

- **UNIBEN School of Medicine** – School of Medicine, University of Benin
- **UNT Health Fort Worth** – The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth
- **UT Austin School of Nursing** – The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing
- **UT Health San Antonio** – The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Nursing

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