

**Family Medicine Elective
FMP 610**

Prerequisite: Fourth year medical students who have successfully completed their Family Medicine, Internal Medicine and Pediatric clerkships.

Objectives:

- Improve the student's ability to perform and document a history and physical exam, obtain laboratory evaluations, formulate an appropriate differential diagnosis, develop a provisional diagnosis and formulate effective management, which includes further diagnostic evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation programs.
- Improve the student's ability to monitor the course of illness and appropriately revise the treatment and rehab plan.
- Enhance the student's understanding of psychological, social and economic principles involved in illness and in the delivery of health care and his/her ability to respond appropriately to patients' needs related to these principals.
- Enhance the student's understanding of the role of both non-physician health care workers and physicians in the delivery of health care.
- Reduce the student's personally perceived education deficits, both clinical and non-clinical.
- Focus on and clarify for the student the realities and advantages of community-based family medicine.
- Develop an "esprit de corps" among students interested in family medicine.
- Provide an opportunity for students to work in an educationally sound community-based primary care setting.

This elective will acquaint the student with family medicine in an Upper Peninsula community. Students are encouraged to explore health services in both the hospital and community.

The curriculum is divided into in-hospital and clinic training. Students will have the opportunity to travel with experienced clinicians to small, rural clinics. Physical diagnosis skills are enhanced at the rural clinics because many labs, x-ray and other diagnostic technologies are not readily available. Students will be assigned to the FamilyCare Doctors office where the family medicine residents, faculty physicians and staff physicians see their private patients. The student will also participate in teaching rounds, lectures and other activities as assigned.

