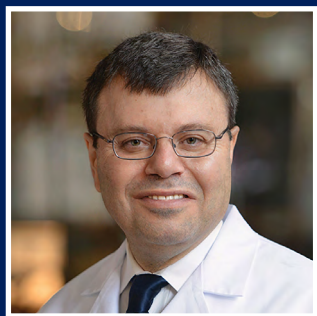




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In FY2026, Family and Community Medicine maintained a high level of productivity and demonstrated our excellence in primary care. Beginning with our clinical mission, the three Baylor Family Medicine private clinics saw a 27% increase in patient visits and a 78% increase in work relative value units (wRVUs) over the past three years. Overall, the clinics generate an average of 45,000 referrals annually, 86% of which are internal referrals within the Baylor network. Additionally, a five-year trend shows that our Community Health Program faculty provide care to an average of 251,000 patients annually and generate 435,000 wRVUs at Harris Health centers and clinics.

Our research mission continued to advance, with 18 grant applications submitted and **\$2.4 million** awarded by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas to support the ongoing expansion of our lung cancer screening program within Texas communities needing prevention services. Furthering our visibility in medical communities, our faculty, staff, fellows, and residents published 36 manuscripts and participated in 142 presentations across the United States and internationally. A highlight was our fellows presenting their research at the 2026 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. Ashley Collazo, M.D., MPH, Sung In (Hillary) Kim-Vences, M.D., MPH, Willie Rajvong, DrPH, M.S., and Fatima Sheriff, Ph.D., MPH were first authors on seven presentations.

For our education mission, the endowment committee's donor outreach initiatives helped achieve a financial milestone of **\$100,000** raised for the Family Medicine Education Endowment. Scholarships are expected to be offered to medical students interested in family medicine and who satisfy other eligibility criteria. I would like to thank our faculty, alumni, and other donors for their generosity and for making this a reality.

Above all this fiscal year, we remained focused and reached our goals together. Everyone's efforts supported our priorities for the department's missions. I am grateful for the talented teams that championed our work.

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

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RESEARCH

CTPH UPDATES

The Community and Stakeholder Engagement Module Initiatives

As part of the Consortium for Translational and Precision Health funded program, Family and Community Medicine's dedicated research team has been participating in health fairs and community events with a lung cancer screening booth to educate the public on available cancer prevention services:

- Senior Fest | Feb. 7, 2026
- ROCK the Block Community Health and Resource Expo | Feb. 21, 2026
- MEGA Heart Health Fair | Feb. 27, 2026
- 2026 Black Family Wellness Expo | March 7, 2026
- Aldine ISD Festival de Primavera | April 18, 2026
- CHWs Leading Community-Engaged Research: Community Health Worker and Research Conference | May 15, 2026
- Bridges to Care: A Community Health Fair | June 13, 2026

We have also been promoting the "Other Academic Voices" series, where guest speakers are invited to present on various topics affecting population health and faculty in attendance are offered CME credit:

- "Fundamentals of Community-Based Research" by Vincent Morelli, M.D. | July 17, 2025
- "Living with Lupus: The Patient Perspectives" by Anne Marie Blacketer, CFRE | Oct. 25, 2025
- "Patient and Clinical Team Perspectives on Social Needs Screening and the Role of Community Partners" by Andrea Nederveld, M.D. | Dec. 9, 2025
- "Engaging at the Speed of Trust: Connecting with Communities for Research" by LaShaune P. Johnson, Ph.D. | Feb. 24, 2026
- "Health is in our Nature: Why a Greener Houston is Critical for Patient and Community Health and Resilience" by Jaime González, M.Ed. | March 31, 2026

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION Hosted by Baylor College of Medicine



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT Inaugural Professionals Forum





RESEARCH

LCTC UPDATE Renewed Grant

CPRIT awarded the department **\$2,444,560** to fund the expansion of the Lung Cancer Screening and Tobacco Control (LCTC) Network to Rural and Medically Underserved Populations from December 2025 through November 2030, with **Roger Zoorob, M.D., MPH, FAAFP** overseeing the project as the program director.

TEX-CARE UPDATE Ongoing Grant

As a service of the Texas Comprehensive Access and Resources for Early Lung Cancer Prevention (TEX-CARE) project funded by CPRIT, a website was launched this fiscal year offering [free online training](#) on lung cancer prevention to providers. Participants receive CME credit hours after completing the modules.

FEATURED RESEARCH PROJECT Visiting Learner Aliza Raza

In the past year, Ms. Raza has worked with **Jacqueline Hirth, Ph.D., MPH**, director of research, to better understand the acceptance of different technologies in healthcare as a project for her AP Research course during her junior year of high school. To collect surveys from the community, she visited Harris County libraries and the Bay Area Farmer's Market in Friendswood, Texas. At those locations, Ms. Raza collected 213 surveys. She then returned to the farmer's market to inform the community about her results using a poster and chats with community members.

Ms. Raza found that community members accepted the use of artificial intelligence to help move health research forward. However, they were wary about involving AI in making decisions about their individual care. Another interesting finding was that community members were willing to use healthcare applications and wearable health monitors to track their biometric data and other health information, but they were unsure about the data's accuracy.

When presenting results at the farmer's market, community members were interested, and many stopped to chat about the findings and their concerns about the use of AI in medical decision-making. During the conversations with Ms. Raza, some also expressed that they, or a loved one, found the medical system difficult to navigate, even with new medical technology that helps them connect with their doctors outside of appointments. These conversations may result in new directions for research and improvement of the community-healthcare interface. Ms. Raza and the FCM outreach team continue to collect surveys for this project at community events to capture a wider perspective. Overall, the community appreciated the opportunity to share their thoughts and have the results reported back to them.





RESIDENCY

BAYLOR FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM Class of 2029

On Match Day 2026, our department's residency program gained 11 new interns. Eight residents will develop clinical experience exclusively in Houston, while three will also receive training in Lufkin, Texas.



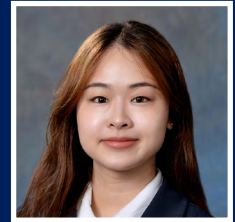
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DANG, M.D.**
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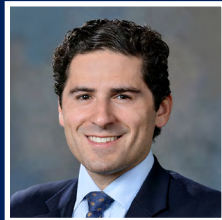
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GARCIA, M.D.**
UTHealth Houston



**CHAN
KAFKALIA, D.O.**
UK



**CONFIDENCE
KOOB, D.O.**
UIW



**JONATHAN
ROSEN, M.D.**
BCM



**ZAINAB
SHERWANI, D.O.**
SHSU



**ADDISON
XU, M.D.**
TAMU



LEENA AL-ANI, M.D.
College of Medicine,
University of Mosul



**HAFSAH
MAHMOOD, M.D.**
FJMU



**ROSHNA
TIMILSINA, M.D.**
NMC



RESIDENCY

RESIDENT GRADUATES Class of 2026

The Baylor Family Medicine Residency Program celebrated all 11 graduates in June 2026. It has been our privilege to support their training and recognize their accomplishments over the past three years. Among the residents, Chiamaka Chibundu, M.D., [in the Lufkin track](#), received the Mary K. and Clifford Grum Foundation Award.



CHIEF RESIDENTS Appointed for FY2027

- Ma Katerina Pedro Arpas, M.D.
- Elizabeth Oliver, M.D.
- Vyas Sarabu, M.D.

MEDICAL SOCIETY INDUCTEE PGY-3 Family Medicine Resident

In March 2026, Huda Khan, M.D. was inducted into the [AOA Honor Medical Society – Texas Beta Chapter](#) at Baylor College of Medicine.

THECB FUNDING Houston and Lufkin Tracks

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board awarded our family medicine residency program with funds for September 2025 through August 2026. Houston received a renewal of **\$208,259** and Lufkin received a new grant of **\$78,097**.

TALK WITH A DOC Community Health Forum

Lufkin residents and core faculty participated in the outreach event, "Talk with the Doc," discussing health, wellness, and preventive medicine topics in partnership with the Lufkin/Angelina County Chamber of Commerce in October 2025.





EDUCATION



**ARINDAM SARKAR,
M.D., FAAFP**

SHAPING THE NEXT GENERATION Family Medicine and Beyond

In FY2026, Dr. Sarkar consistently demonstrated his passion for championing aspiring healthcare professionals studying at Baylor College of Medicine. He remained dedicated to promoting family medicine, while making time to guide medical students pursuing other specialties. Among Dr. Sarkar's College-wide activities were his speech at Baylor's white coat ceremony in August 2025 and his role as the faculty advisor for Baylor's new student-led organization, Medical and Health Communicators, beginning in November 2025.

EDUCATION LEADERSHIP VISIT Houston and Temple Faculty

FCM faculty met with colleagues at Baylor's Temple campus, where they discussed growth and development in research and medical student education.



FEEDBACK CHAMPION AWARDS FCM Clerkship Faculty

Fall FY2026

- Lily Luc, M.D.
- Indumathi Kuncharapu, M.D.
- Anees Fatima, M.D., FAAFP

Spring FY2026

- Veenadhari Wang, M.D.
- Eric Lee, M.D., FAAFP

EDUCATOR DEVELOPMENT DAY Second Annual Event

To improve our educational efforts, Arindam Sarkar, M.D., FAAFP, director of medical student education, led a workshop sharing tips and best practices. Faculty teaching and precepting at both Baylor campuses were invited to receive free CME hours and invaluable feedback. This year's virtual event was a success, with Jonnae Atkinson, M.D., M.S., FAAFP, Kenneth Barning, M.D., Alycia Chinai, D.O., Ana Oliveira Crew, D.O., MPH, Malvika Juneja, M.D., FAAFP, and Linda Porter-Tucci, M.D., FAAFP participating as facilitators.

EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT \$100,000 Milestone Achieved



[DONATIONS WEB PAGE](#)

FCM's Education Endowment Committee recognizes our generous donors for helping us reach our financial goal! Scholarships are planned for FY2027. Scan the QR code for ongoing support of our initiatives.



DEVELOPMENT

SUPPORT FOR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH Various Initiatives

Dr. Juneja, director of faculty development and CME, is passionate about creating pathways for faculty to build on their skills, apply for awards, and advance their careers. With operational support from Aleshia Dumas-Burkhalter, Palicia Garner, Lisa Lopez, Janet Luke, and Anna Perales, the department has been able to regularly offer a wide range of activities, including opportunities to earn CME credits. The following highlighted events represent the department's investment in faculty development.



**MALVIKA JUNEJA,
M.D., FAAFP**

Faculty Day | Sept. 6, 2025

The annual gathering connected departmental and institutional leadership with faculty to explore career growth at every stage. Sessions covered topics such as evaluations, workload balance, and available resources. Group discussions examined educator development, professional identity, effective team management, and conflict resolution.

Primary Care Update | Oct. 25, 2025

This fiscal year's conference was held virtually and featured presentations on a range of subjects significant to providers practicing in the current landscape of healthcare. Guest speakers addressed artificial intelligence, lupus, eczema, hypertension, hyperthyroidism, ADHD in relation to vaping, and degenerative conditions of the wrist and hand. Participants received CME credits for their attendance.

Chair's Advancement Seminar | March 4, 2026

Roger Zoorob, M.D., MPH, FAAFP, Richard M. Kleberg, Sr. professor and chair, led a meeting to inform interested faculty of Baylor College of Medicine's process for promotions. Criteria, required documents, and dossier assessment were reviewed. Attendees also contributed to sharing mentorship guidance and best practices.

FCM Wellness Day | April 18, 2026

For a second year in a row, the department hosted a day of activities centered on personal and professional well-being. In the morning, faculty engaged in Tai Chi, meditation, and posture training. Additionally, representatives from Baylor spoke on health-related resources and financial benefits offered to employees. The agenda transitioned after lunch to focus on areas for professional growth, such as conflict resolution and teamwork. The last session allowed for an open mentoring forum to have meaningful conversations on overall development.



HAPPENINGS

ALSO®

Instructor and Provider Courses

For over a decade, Family and Community Medicine has hosted the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO®) program. The program is designed to prepare providers and residents to deliver timely, urgent care when pregnancy-related complications arise. This fiscal year, training sessions were held in August 2025 with Anjali Aggarwal, M.D., FAAFP spearheading the event. Thank you to the FCM faculty and staff who offered their support: Roger Zoorob, M.D., MPH, FAAFP, Mohamad Sidani, M.D., M.S., FAAFP, Eric Warwick, M.D., Rashmi Rode, M.D., FAAFP, Lisa Danek, M.D., MBA, FAAFP, Chelsea Mendonca, M.D., LaTessa R. Smith, MBA, CPC, Lisa Lopez, Palicia Garner, Sharon Mitchell, M.A., Janet Luke, and Aleshia Dumas-Burkhalter.



SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Various Works and Events

Aysenur Akoglu, M.D.

Dr. Akoglu began production and distribution of a bimonthly newsletter, *Prevention Medicine in Practice*, highlighting evidence-based information on current topics in primary care for Baylor Family Medicine faculty. The first issue in May 2026 covered statin therapy and changes to lipid guidelines.

Ijeoma Anyakorah, M.D.

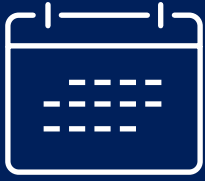
Dr. Anyakorah accepted membership to the School of Medicine Promotions Committee at Baylor College of Medicine in July 2025.

Jonnae Atkinson, M.D., M.S., FAAFP

Dr. Atkinson developed and facilitated interactive learning activities for an [NSBE Jr. STEAMVenture event](#), in collaboration with the Fort Bend County (TX) Chapter of The Links, Inc., in November 2025.

Kenneth Barning, M.D.

Dr. Barning, representing as a TAFP member, was a co-convener at the AAFP National Conference of Constituency Leaders, where he coordinated and supported constituency meetings during the conference in April 2026.



HAPPENINGS

Elizabeth Bosquez, M.D.

Dr. Bosquez participated as a health fair volunteer at Kinsmen Lutheran Church and The Ark Fellowship Church in October 2025, providing free gun locks and discussing prevention topics, including water safety and blood pressure management.

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

Dr. Faustinella expanded her professional memberships in July 2025 when she was invited to join the Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy at Baylor College of Medicine as a Health Policy Scholar and selected to serve as Baylor's liaison on the Steering Committee of the Houston History of Medicine Society. In addition, she was elected as a Faculty Ambassador of the College's Center for Professionalism in September 2025. Furthermore, she contributed to creative activities in healthcare, such as reading the story she wrote, "Freedom, Cortada," for the 10TH anniversary celebration of, "Off Script: Stories from the Heart of Medicine," in April 2026 and submitting the image and narrative, "Stories that Teach, Teaching that Advocate," which was added to the Images of Advocacy Collection of the Academy for Professionalism in Health Care International Conference in June 2026.

Linda Porter-Tucci, M.D., FAAFP

Dr. Porter-Tucci was selected to be a physician informaticist for the College in April 2026. She looks forward to supporting the implementation of initiatives to streamline workflows and improve efficiency.

Rashmi Rode, M.D., FAAFP

Dr. Rode was chosen to advise in national and global capacities for the American Academy of Family Physicians in June 2026.

Shelly States, PA-C

Ms. States and other Baylor volunteers provided food service to women and families at Star of Hope's Family Development Center in September 2025.

Shruti Varadarajan, M.D., FAAFP

Dr. Varadarajan was elected to be a 2025–2026 Executive Council Member of DOCS, as the SGEA Southern Regional Representative, at the annual DOCS meeting in November 2025.

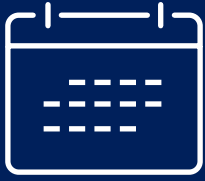
Amna Waqar, M.D., FAAFP

Dr. Waqar became a member of the Board of Directors, as well as a member of the Council on Health of the Public, for the Texas Academy of Family Physicians in April 2026.

BCM FACULTY SENATE FCM Representatives

- Alycia Chinai, D.O.: Departmental Senator, Communications
- Chelsea Mendonca, M.D.: At-Large Senator, Faculty Affairs

- Eric Lee, M.D., FAAFP: At-Large Senator, Chair Education Committee
- Hammad Mahmood, M.D., MBA: At-Large Senator, Administrative Operations
- Anees Fatima, M.D., FAAFP: At-Large Senator, Institutional Policy
- Malvika Juneja, M.D., FAAFP: Departmental Senator, FS/BCM Executive Committee



HAPPENINGS

PINK GOES RED Women's Health Fair



MLK HEALTH CENTER Health Fair



SENIOR SPRING FLING Senior Resource Fair Event



BLACK FAMILY WELLNESS EXPO Community-Centered Event





HAPPENINGS

CASA DE AMIGOS HEALTH CENTER
Health and Wellness Fair



GULFTON HOME COMMUNITY
BCM Community Event

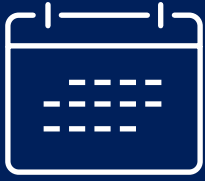


HARRIS HEALTH
Community Health Fair



BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
Community Health Fair





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HARRIS HEALTH TOWNHALL Arindam Sarkar, M.D., FAAFP



CELEBRATION OF SERVICE Diana Blicharski, M.D.

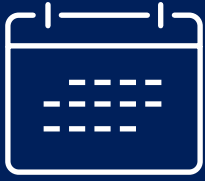


FACULTY RETIREMENT Ann Gotschall, M.D.



FOOD LOCKER RIBBON CUTTING Hammad Mahmood, M.D., MBA





HAPPENINGS

TEXAS FAMILY MEDICINE
Chairs and Administrators Meeting



STAFF RETIREMENT
Elvira Ruiz

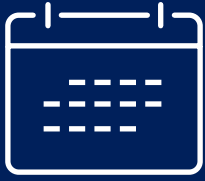


STAFF RETIREMENT
Garry Smith



ADMIN TEAM RETREAT
FCM Administrative Staff





HAPPENINGS

BAYLOR SENATE GATHERING
FCM Senators



ELH/ELAM REGIONAL CONFERENCE
FCM Faculty

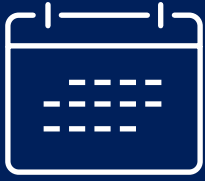


TAFP LECTURESHIP
FCM Faculty



2026 NCCL
FCM Faculty





HAPPENINGS

END-OF-YEAR MEETING
Same Day Clinics FCM Faculty



PAINT WITH DR. CALDWELL
MLK Health Center FCM Faculty



DOCTORS' DAY RECOGNITION
Vallbona Health Center FCM Faculty



DOCTORS' DAY CELEBRATION
MLK Health Center FCM Faculty





KUDOS

FCM FACULTY PROMOTIONS

July 2025 – June 2026

Assistant Professor

- Bligha Noor, DNP, FNP-C, AGACNP-BC, CNE

Associate Professors

- Diana Atwal, M.D., M.A.
- Bharat Joshi, M.D., FAAFP
- Arindam Sarkar, M.D., FAAFP
- Ursula Tawbi, M.D.

Professor

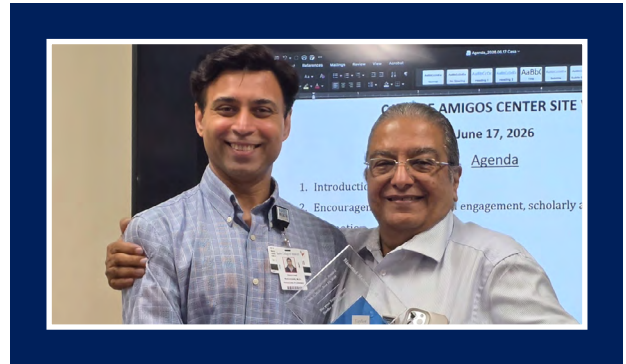
- Malvika Juneja, M.D., FAAFP

GRADUATIONS

Faculty and Fellow

Bligha Noor, DNP, FNP-C, AGACNP-BC, CNE completed the Nurse Educator Program at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, earning a post-master's certificate in August 2025.

Sung In (Hillary) Kim-Vences, M.D., MPH graduated from our Primary Care Research Postdoctoral Fellowship in June 2026. She authored numerous publications and presentations, examining substance use, buprenorphine access, and chronic conditions. She received multiple recognition for her research, including monetary awards. After the fellowship, Dr. Kim-Vences continued her career with Baylor College of Medicine.



FCM FACULTY EXCELLENCE FY2026 Award Recipients

Chair's Recognition Award

- Hammad Mahmood, M.D., MBA

Outstanding Clinician Award

- Misba Lateef, M.D.
- David Lundy-Weiss, M.D., MPH
- Dongni Yang, M.D., Ph.D.

Outstanding Educator Award

- Anees Fatima, M.D., FAAFP
- Jay Orr, D.O.

Outstanding Researcher Award

- Alicia Kowalchuk, D.O., FASAM

Outstanding Service Award

- Noreen Pirzada, M.D.





KUDOS

TEMPLE FACULTY AWARDS February 2026

Golden Apple Teacher of the Year for Residency

- Sarah Hovland, M.D.

BCM FACULTY AWARDS May 2026

Norton Rose Fulbright Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching and Evaluation

- Arindam Sarkar, M.D., FAAFP

Early Career Faculty Award for Excellence in Patient Care

- Anees Fatima, M.D., FAAFP
- Priya Ghael, M.D.

Star Faculty Award for Excellence in Patient Care

- Afroze Ali, M.D.
- Sanda Khin, MBBS
- Ambreen Mujahid, M.D.



PEAR AWARDS FCM Faculty Recipients

- Anjali Aggarwal, M.D., FAAFP
- Afroze Ali, M.D.
- Elizabeth Bosquez, M.D.
- Anees Fatima, M.D., FAAFP
- Majd Jwied, M.D.
- Raphael Yang, M.D.

POP AWARDS FCM Faculty Recipients

- Afroze Ali, M.D.
- Anees Fatima, M.D., FAAFP
- Melissa Johnson, M.S., FNP-C
- Ambreen Mujahid, M.D.
- Noreen Pirzada, M.D.
- Amna Waqar, M.D., FAAFP

AHA AWARDS BFM Clinics

- Upper Kirby, River Oaks, and Fannin Tower – Check. Change. Control. Cholesterol™ Gold Recognition
- Upper Kirby, River Oaks, and Fannin Tower – Target: Type 2 DiabetesSM Gold Achievement
- Upper Kirby and River Oaks – Target: BP™ Gold+ Achievement
- Fannin Tower – Target: BP™ Silver+ Achievement

AMBULATORY PERFORMANCE BFM Upper Kirby and Fannin Tower

Two clinics received recognition for achieving five out of five quality and safety metrics.



KUDOS

VALLBONA AWARDS

Various Faculty Recognition

Outstanding Productivity

- Rekha Afzalpurkar, M.D.

Champion for Clinical Metrics

- Rekha Afzalpurkar, M.D.

Champion for Patient-Centered Care

- Afroze Ali, M.D.

Champion for Alignment with BCM Values

- Christina Babu, M.D.

Operation Manager Award

- Priya Ghael, M.D.

Champion for Patient Satisfaction – Most Improved Champion

- Nidhi Mehrotra, MBBS

Champion for Citizenship

- Ambreen Mujahid, M.D.



DAISY TEAM AWARD RECIPIENTS

Vallbona Faculty

Noreen Pirzada, M.D., medical director of the Harris Health Vallbona Health Center, Afroze Ali, M.D., and nurses at the center were honored with the 2026 ACS DAISY Team of the Year Award for their exceptional work as the Colorectal Cancer Screening Team and dedication to the success of a quality improvement project.

DAISY AWARD HONOREES

Baylor Family Medicine Nurses

Charnel Anderson, RN, Tracy Fletcher-Davies, MSML, RN, AMB-BC, and Wendy Hammerman, RN, MSCS with the Baylor Family Medicine clinics received DAISY Award nominations for their outstanding patient care. During Nurses Week in May 2026, [Baylor College of Medicine held a luncheon to celebrate all the nominees](#) and present awards to the inaugural honorees.





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SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Faculty and Fellow Achievements

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

Dr. Faustinella was honored as one of the Top 10 Patient Advocates at the national level in 2025 by the American College of Physicians. In addition, she was awarded in December 2025 with a certificate for achieving the highest score in Overall Patient Experience at the Harris Health Same Day Clinics.

Chelsea Mendonca, M.D.

Dr. Mendonca was recognized as a 2025 Research Mentor Champion for Medical Students by the Student Opportunities for Advancement in Research Office at Baylor College of Medicine.

Arindam Sarkar, M.D., FAAFP

Family and Community Medicine is proud to share that Dr. Sarkar has received an Honorable Mention in the 2026 McGraw Hill Pathfinder Award. Being recognized as a 2026 McGraw Hill Pathfinder Award Honorable Mention is a national distinction that celebrates educators whose work exemplifies the spirit of the Pathfinder Award—innovating on behalf of learners and driving meaningful impact.

Sung In (Hillary) Kim-Vences, M.D., MPH

Dr. Kim-Vences, primary care research postdoctoral fellow, received several awards in FY2026. In March 2026, she was the recipient of a **\$1,000** travel award at the Third Semi-Annual PURPOSE Meeting presented by the PURPOSE Network as part of the NIH HEAL Initiative. At the 2026 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting, which took place from May 30 to June 2, 2026, she was selected to receive an Early Career Investigator Award in Quality and Value from the AcademyHealth Quality and Value Interest Group. Furthermore, Dr. Kim-Vences earned a **\$500** advocacy training award from Doctors for America at the National Leadership Conference in June 2026.



SPOTLIGHT

FEATURED STAFF FCM Administrator

Mrs. Smith, administrator, is the chief of staff and administrative partner of Roger Zoorob, M.D., MPH, FAAFP, Richard M. Kleberg, Sr. professor and chair. She joined Family and Community Medicine in December 2024 with nearly 20 years of experience in healthcare. Mrs. Smith is highly successful in overseeing operations, including budget development, revenue cycle management, strategic planning, workflow optimization, performance reporting, regulatory requirements, and practice improvements.



**LATESHA R. SMITH,
MBA, CPC**

Before continuing her career in administration at Baylor College of Medicine, Mrs. Smith dedicated about a decade to Texas Children's Hospital. During her time at the renowned hospital, she held positions as a physician revenue cycle manager, business operations manager, and practice administrator. Mrs. Smith's most recent role was at the Cancer/Hematology/Bone Marrow Transplant Center, where she directed teams facilitating the center's clinical and research missions. Throughout her professional journey, Mrs. Smith streamlined processes to navigate the business of providing clinical services. To maintain day-to-day efficiency and deliver optimal patient support, she strengthened staff engagement with effective coaching and communication.



Mrs. Smith's pathway to healthcare began in college while studying counseling psychology at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama. She later obtained a master's degree in business administration from Texas Woman's University in Houston, further expanding her expertise in executive management. In between degrees, she received certification as a professional coder.

Beyond the workplace, Mrs. Smith has a fulfilling life with family and hobbies. She enjoys making special memories with loved ones, such as traveling on trips that she curates to make the most of their time together. On a more regular basis, Mrs. Smith delights in the relaxing moments brought on while cooking and reading. For self-care, she practices hot yoga to help her recharge. Since Mrs. Smith has many responsibilities in the office, she values prioritizing balance in job duties and personal wellness.

"What I love most about being a healthcare administrator is that I go home each day with the assurance that I am contributing to the broader healthcare mission by providing support to and partnering with the healthcare leaders who work tirelessly to advance medicine through research, clinical care, and education."



WELCOME



MEGAN GUNTRUM, M.D.

Assistant Professor,
Baylor Family Medicine -
Upper Kirby



JULIE FROMING, PA-C

Instructor,
Cypress Health Center



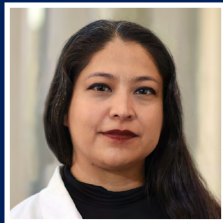
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Strawberry Health Center



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Family Medicine - Upper Kirby



EUGENIA LEGARDA, M.D.

Assistant Professor,
Gulfgate Health Center



RYAN BOVA

Senior Research
Administration Associate -
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- [Primary care matters during flu season.](#) (Wang V.) 2025 Sep 16
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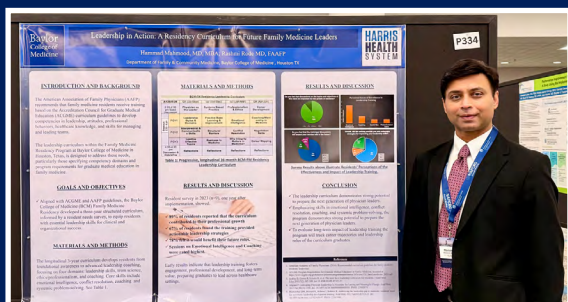
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HARRIS HEALTH ACS HEALTHCARE Quality Poster Competition



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2025 STFM PRACTICE AND QI Conference



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- Mahmood H, Rode R. Leadership in action: A residency curriculum for future family medicine leaders.
- DeLorenzo VO, Collazo A, Nieto S, Porterfield L. Impact of clinical pharmacist integration models on diabetes outcomes in primary care clinics.
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- Campbell KM, Collazo A, Park B, Mathis S, Porterfield L. Intersections of research, scholarship, and social mission in departments of family medicine.
- Collazo A, Wermuth P, Luna J, Olmeda K, Mancera A, Zoorob R, Trautner BW, Grigoryan L. "In Texas, everybody wants antibiotics": Managing expectations with a patient-provider communication tool.
- Rode R, Hirth J, Sarkar A, Zoorob R, Nguyen J, Rajvong W. Increasing seasonal vaccine uptake in a diverse safety-net primary care clinic: A pilot intervention.

Patient's Voice 2025: Third International Conference | Nov. 12-15, 2025

- Sheih T, Montacute T, Juneja S, Conlon M, Juneja M, Rokicki-Prashar J. Panelist and Symposium - Procedures with perspective: Amplifying patient voices in pre-clerkship clinical skills training.

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- Mahmood H, Juneja M, Rode R. A structured leadership training curriculum in residency for developing future leaders in family medicine.
- Mahmood H, Rode R, Juneja M. Advancing patient care by updating general practitioners on 2022 type 2 diabetes management guidelines.
- Rode R. Mitigating effects of climate-related disasters at the community level: Role of a primary care provider.
- Rode R, Mahmood H. Standardizing cervical cancer screening result follow up using electronic medical records: An effort to minimize fallouts.
- Rode R, Mahmood H, Juneja M, Atwal D, Mehrotra N, Hirth J. Understanding hesitancy towards vaccines for respiratory illnesses in underserved patient population.

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SER 2026 Annual Meeting | June 23-26, 2026

- Rajvong W, Burchfiel E, Datar S, Huynh J, Harutunian M, Hirth J, Juneja M. Evaluation of colorectal cancer screening of minority populations at community safety net clinics: A retrospective chart review.



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2026 AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting | May 30 – June 2, 2026

- Kim-Vences S, Suen K, Nguyen J, Hirth J, Zoorob R. Barriers and facilitators in buprenorphine prescribing for opioid use disorder in the post X-waiver era: Insights from a nationwide, multispecialty survey. *Selected to receive an Early Career Investigator Award in Quality and Value
- Rajvong W, Burchfiel E, Datar S, Huynh J, Harutunian M, Hirth J, Juneja M. An assessment of the colorectal cancer screening pipeline in community safety net clinics: A retrospective chart review.
- Sheriff FR, Collazo A, Mancera A, Olmeda K, Luna J, Faustinella F, Paasche-Orlow MK, Zoorob R, Trautner B, Grigoryan L. Acceptability of an educational intervention to reduce urine culture contamination: A pilot study.
- Sheriff FR, Gonzalez S, Zoorob R. Come Home Houston: A program evaluation of integrated services for women with substance use disorders experiencing homelessness.
- Collazo A, Grigoryan L, Jiang C, Zoorob R, Trautner BW, Skelton F. Diagnostic accuracy of urinalysis and vital signs in spinal cord injury for urinary tract infection.
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- Collazo A, Mancera A, Olmeda K, Luna J, Benavides M, Zoorob R, Trautner BW, Grigoryan L. Knowledge of and preventative strategies for urinary tract infections in Spanish-speaking women.

2026 SGIM Annual Meeting | May 6–9, 2026

- Kim-Vences S, Cohen A, Hirth J, Zoorob R. Pharmacy availability of buprenorphine and its alignment with opioid mortality burden in Harris County. *Lipkin Award Finalist

2026 STFM Annual Spring Conference | May 2–6, 2026

- Williams E, Varadarajan S, Duong C, Juneja M. Poster-building medical student competencies in trauma-informed care.
- Hirth J, Zoorob R, Rangel A. TEX-CARE: Bringing lung cancer screening and follow-up care to family medicine practitioners across Texas.
- Harmjanz MV, Ghurye S, Almaguer Serrano D, Blackburn P, Oliver E, Meza S, Adewusi A, Rode R, Mendonca C. "Are we prescribing safely for women" – A review of medication use in reproductive-aged patients.
- Sims S, Iyengar K, Ghael P. Assessing the impact of a workshop on medical student community project development.
- Kumar R, Ellis E, Lowe S, Rode R, Aggarwal A. Multidisciplinary approaches to SUD treatment: Improving physical health literacy through group fitness.
- Varadarajan S, Crew A, Bansal K. Cultivating insight: Reflection in the early pre-clerkship years to build clinical skills and identity formation.
- Mahmood H, Rode R, Zoorob R. A structured leadership curriculum in family medicine residency for shaping future leaders in family medicine.

Ethics, Medicine Innovation (EMI) Conference | April 16–17, 2026

- Raza A, Hirth JM, Waqar A, Zoorob E, Rangel A, Rodriguez J, Nguyen J. Assessment of community acceptance of artificial intelligence, wearable devices, and health tracking applications in healthcare.



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67TH Annual National Student Research Forum | March 7, 2026

- Harutunian M, Datar S, Huynh J, Burchfiel E, Rajvong W, Hirth JM, Juneja M. Disparities in continuity with the colorectal cancer screening pipeline: A retrospective chart review.
- Zoorob E, Horn A, Duong C, Walther C, Hirth JM. The effect of discrimination against mental health-care workers.

2026 STFM Conference on Medical Student Education | Jan. 29 – Feb. 1, 2026

- Pirzada O, Pirzada N, Hirth JM. Listening versus patient feeling heard.
- Aggarwal A, Sarkar A, Huang W, Perumareddi P, Sonoda K, De la Cruz M, Stillerman A, Zoorob R. Navigating promotion as a non-self-promoter faculty: Overcoming pitfalls and roadblocks -- educator track.
- Alarcon L, Brown E, Sarkar A, Clithero-Eridon A, Davuluri S, Donohue C, Perumareddi P, Smith K, Rodriguez A, Freund N, Chartash D, Piazza N, Delgado N. Clinician, teacher, scholar: A bootcamp for new faculty in academic family medicine.
- Juneja M, Zagaar M, Williams E, Lackan A, Varadarajan S, Vithalani V. Implementing health system science curricula in medical education through vertical integration.
- Varadarajan S, Bansal K, Crew A. Bridging competency gaps in ocular and HENT exams through simulation in the MS1 doctoring course.
- Varadarajan S, Bansal K. Facilitator perspectives on the effectiveness and usability of a structured H&P grading rubric.
- Joshi B, Bhattarai S, Waqar A, Lee E, Aggarwal A. Incorporating tele-medicine teaching to medical students training.
- Regresado AC, Cheshire J, Elaiho D, Sarkar A, Rode R, Waqar A, Lee E, Joshi B, Bhattarai S, Mujahid A, Afzalpurkar R, Zoorob R, Aggarwal A. Telemedicine-based clinical learning using case scenarios.
- Rode R, Mehrotra N, Joshi B, Danek L, Lee E, Zoorob R, Bhattarai S, Pirzada N, Waqar A, Aggarwal A, Halphen J, Alam M, Say C, Gaw E, Dayal Y. Using the understanding by design (UbD) framework to develop simulation-based procedure preclinical elective.
- Sarkar A, Sulapas I, Bradley A, Cavin J, Davis S. The joy effect: Inspiring students through positive role modeling in family medicine.
- Juneja M, Hirth J, Rode R, Wen F, Benedict A, Mills M. Charting the course for research in family medicine education.
- Waqar A, Aggarwal A, Sims S, Elaiho D, Lackan A, Pluenneke M, Nagabhirava R, Bourne D. Bridging the gap: Educating and inspiring students to serve underserved populations.
- Crew A, Bansal K, Varadarajan S. Structured remediation to support clinical competency and professionalism in a longitudinal first-year doctoring course.
- Sarkar A, Perumareddi P, Davuluri S, Dabbs B, Rohrberg T. Future-ready faculty: Examples of AI use in educator tasks.
- Burchfiel E, Huynh J, Harutunian M, Datar S, Lee E, Sarkar A, Bhattarai S, Joshi B, Zoorob R, Aggarwal A. Prepare your pre-clinical students for telehealth competency.
- Liang J, Lackan A, Jyothi A, Howell J, Juneja M, Quadri Y. CHEF at Santa Maria: A promising way to teach health literacy and cooking skills in mothers recovering from substance use.
- Juneja M, Erwin G, Vithalani V, Kalapatapu E, Kim R. Enhancing medical student wellbeing and life-style medicine proficiency: A preclinical elective.



PRESENTATIONS

- Varadarajan S, Bansal K, Lavi A, Hirth J. Enhancing role-playing engagement and realism in clinical skills education using structured cases and AI tools.
- Rode R, Juneja S, Rex A, Nadella M. Simulated obstetrical skills workshop: Improving medical student confidence and interest in practicing obstetrics.
- Afzalpurkar R, Datar S, Hirth J, Juneja M, Zoorob R, Mahmood H. Improving quality metrics of prevention in type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM).
- Iyengar K, Sims S, Juneja M, Quadri Y. Building community orientation and service-focused professional identity among medical students: A preclinical elective.
- Varadarajan S, Juneja M, Bansal K, Porter-Tucci L, Crew A, Sarkar A, Huang W. Collaboration between pre-clerkship, clerkships and faculty development to recruit, retain and engage community preceptors.

2025 Fall CTSA Program Annual Meeting | Oct. 22-24, 2025

- Beech B, Hirth JM, Davila J, Moreno N, Bruce MA, Bajwa N, Luo DN, Kanwal F. Strengthening inter-institutional collaboration through CBPR: The BCM-UH Consortium for Translational and Precision Health.

IDWeek 2025 | Oct. 19-22, 2025

- Brehm TJ, Grigoryan L, Dillon L, Haltom T, Trautner BW. Urinary tract infections in outpatient men: An analysis of clinicians' diagnostic and treatment patterns.

Learning Communities Institute Annual Meeting 2025 | Oct. 10-11, 2025

- Joshi B, Tran C. Introduction of professionalism in the learning community program.
- Okoh J, Lee E, Tran C. The Texas Star: A module on connections and well-being for learning communities.
- Lee E, Tran C, Vasefi M, Munjuluri S. LC 101 Post-Course: Tools of the trade useful in the development of a learning community – Neighborliness and no secret sauces.

Society of OB/GYN Hospitalists 2026 Annual Clinical Meeting | Sept. 13-17, 2025

- Nadella M, Juneja S, Rex A, Rode R. Simulation-based obstetrics training for medical students: Improving procedural competency and interest in primary care. *Second Place: Best Overall Resident/Student Abstract Oral Presentation Award

2025 STFM Conference on Practice and Quality Improvement | Sept. 8-10, 2025

- Joshi B, Bhattarai S. Weight management service in a community clinic: A primary care perspective.
- Mujahid A, Nambi P, Afzalpurkar R, Mehrotra N, Ali A, Juneja M. Is cholesterol goal less important when treating diabetic patients? Exploring the evolving priorities in diabetes care.
- Mahmood H, Anyakorah I, Fatima A. From awareness to action: Strengthening provider engagement with integrative medicine.
- Mehrotra N, Lee E, Ghael P, Valenzuela R, Khoury S, Aguilar M, Cortez E, Aguilera A, Rosales JL. Bridging the gap: Enhancing communication between nurses and providers for improved patient care.
- Ghael P, Lee E, Khoury S, Mehrotra N, Juneja M, Khera N, Khera D. Empowering women: A quality improvement initiative to increase HPV vaccine education and uptake in adults aged 18-45.
- Mehrotra N, Ghael P, Nambi P, Mujahid A, Khoury S, Lee E, Bansal K. Optimizing diabetic foot care: Enhancing examination rates with provider reminder cards.
- Waqar A. Group education for hypertension management at a community-based county clinic.



PRESENTATIONS

REGIONAL/STATE

2026 TEACH-S Educational Symposium | May 8, 2026

- Fatima A, Odaro O, Lim J. White coats, racing hearts: Coaching the anxious medical learner.

Pri-Med Southwest – Primary Care CME/CE Conference and Expo | May 6–8, 2026

- Sarkar A. Cognitive biases in primary care decision-making.
- Uzamere YC. Women's health update and common complaints.
- Noor B, Valdez I. Advanced practice providers: Tips and strategies for success.

The Network Effect: TMC Young Investigator Showcase | April 2, 2026

- Kim-Vences S. Implementing buprenorphine micro-induction protocols to transform pain care in chronic pancreatitis.

2026 Texas Substance Use Symposium | March 2–3, 2026

- Kim-Vences S, Gao J, Cohen A, Hirth J, Zoorob R, Champagne-Langabeer T. Pharmacy-level barriers to buprenorphine access: A geospatial analysis in Harris County.

Ninth Annual Texas Medical Center Antimicrobial Resistance and Stewardship Conference | Jan. 14–16, 2026

- Collazo A, Brehm TJ, Olmeda K, Laytner L, Paasche-Orlow MK, Zoorob R, Trautner BW, Grigoryan L, Haltom TM. "Forget that. I'm taking the antibiotics": Patient antibiotic misconceptions, non-prescription use, and mistrust of clinicians.
- Collazo A, Mancera A, Olmeda K, Luna J, Benavides M, Zoorob R, Trautner BW, Grigoryan L. Knowledge of and preventative strategies for urinary tract infections in Spanish-speaking women.
- Sheriff FR, Collazo A, Mancera A, Olmeda K, Luna J, Faustinella F, Paasche-Orlow MK, Zoorob R, Trautner B, Grigoryan L. Acceptability of an educational intervention to reduce urine culture contamination: A pilot study.
- Ugarte C, Faustinella F. Antibiotic prescribing practices in suspected uncomplicated lower urinary tract infections: Overuse starts at the first office visit.

2025 TAFP Annual Session and Primary Care Summit | Nov. 14–16, 2025

- Sarkar A, Orr J, Danek L. "Hypertension Clinic": Focused appointments for BP control in medically underserved patients. *Second Place Research Poster Competition Winner

LOCAL

Clinical Investigation Five: Grant Evaluation Course | June 23, 2026

- Zoorob R. Guide to academic promotion.

Baylor College of Medicine Well-Being | June 16, 2026

- Yang R. Better health by the numbers: Annual biometric screening overview.



PRESENTATIONS

INSPIRE Nursing Symposium 2026 | June 5, 2026

- Vinod D, Mendez A, Preeth S, Lab M, Pirzada N, Ali A. Colon cancer doesn't wait – Why should we?

Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Grand Rounds | May 2026

- Kim-Vences S. From bedside to advocacy: Finding my purpose.

UTHealth Research Day | May 2026

- Kim-Vences S, Gao J, Zhang Y, Cohen A, Hirth J, Zoorob R. Spatial analysis of buprenorphine-dispensing pharmacies and neighborhood disparities in Harris County, Texas. UTHealth Research Day. *First Place Presentation (\$650)

Baylor College of Medicine 12TH Annual Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Conference | May 14, 2026

- Kim-Vences S, Cohen A, Hirth J, Zoorob R. Spatial analysis of buprenorphine-dispensing pharmacies and neighborhood disparities in Harris County.
- Afzalpurkar R, Chinai A. Bridging the evidence-practice gap through a weekly evidence-based forum in family medicine.
- Afzalpurkar R, Datar S. Improved microalbuminuria screening to guide GLP-1 RA and SGLT2 inhibitor use for CKD prevention in type 2 diabetes.
- Afzalpurkar R, Lee E. A quality improvement initiative to improve guideline-concordant metformin use in prediabetes.

2026 Virtual Housestaff Research Symposium | April 2026

- Pepke K, Sun K, Meloy M, Brumfield E, Syed R, Wang Y, Das S, Kim-Vences S. Improving opioid use disorder treatment engagement through a streamlined referral pathway.

Gulfton Home Community: BCM Community Event | April 11, 2026

- Gonzalez S. Maternal mental health with an emphasis on anxiety and depression.

2026 McGovern Lecture Series – 30TH Anniversary | April 8, 2026

- Kim-Vences S, Gao J, Cohen A, Hirth J, Zoorob R. Pharmacy-level barriers to buprenorphine access: A geospatial analysis in Harris County.

Second Annual Educator Development Day | March 7, 2026

- Chinai AJ. Teaching with intention: Agenda setting, effective assessment, and supporting the struggling medical student.

26TH Annual Henry J.N. Taub and James K. Alexander Medical Student Research Symposium | March 5, 2026

- Harutunian M, Datar S, Huynh J, Burchfiel E, Rajvong W, Hirth JM, Juneja M. Disparities in continuity with the colorectal cancer screening pipeline.
- Halphen J Jr, Dayal Y, Alam M, Gaw E, Say C, Rode R, Sidani M, Zoorob R, Aggarwal A. Simulation-based obstetric ultrasound workshop yields large confidence improvements across medical training levels: A four-year series of independent cohorts.



PRESENTATIONS

- Gonzalez CA, Machicao MF, Aggarwal A. Building foundations: A medical education intervention in unhoused women's healthcare – Knowledge assessment.
- Machicao MF, Gonzalez CA, Aggarwal A. Building foundations: Enhancing medical education and confidence in providing healthcare to unhoused women.
- Maguire R, RaSun SA, Aggarwal A. Social determinants of health and key needs reported by Houston women recently released from incarceration.
- Cerda L, Hudock A, Aggarwal A. Impact of nutrition educational intervention on women recovering from substance use disorder.
- Pluenneke M, Ho A, Aggarwal A. Unequal sightedness: Early detection and treatment barriers for strabismus in preschool-aged children from underserved communities.

BCM Hospital Medicine Conference 2026: Updates and New Perspectives | Jan. 31, 2026

- Kim-Vences S. Thin but not too thin: Coagulation around procedures.

Harris Health ACS Healthcare Quality Poster Competition | Oct. 23, 2025

- Vinod D, Mendez A, Preeth S, Lab M, Pirzada N, Ali A. Colon cancer doesn't wait – Why should we?
*Second Place Poster Award, ACS Healthcare Quality Week

Harris Health Precinct Four Town Hall Meeting | Oct. 21, 2025

- Rustveld L. Panel discussion: Managing diabetes.

Harris Health Sheila Jackson Lee Center for Accelerating Health Outcomes | Oct. 14, 2025

- Rustveld L. Nutrition and diabetes.

Family and Community Medicine Grand Rounds

- Mujahid A. Hyperlipidemia overview: 2026 Guideline on the management of dyslipidemia. | April 14, 2026
- Bansal K. Pre-operative evaluation for non-cardiac surgery. | Dec. 13, 2025
- Sheriff FR. Preterm birth and trisomy 21. | Oct. 14, 2025
- Afzalpurkar R. Microalbuminuria screening fallouts and prevention of DKD. | Sept. 9, 2025
- Hirth J. Collaborating and engaging the community in research. | Aug. 12, 2025

Family and Community Medicine Faculty and Fellows Seminar

- Rajvong W, Burchfiel E, Datar S, Huynh J, Harutunian M, Hirth J, Juneja M, Zoorob R. An assessment of the colorectal cancer screening pipeline in community safety net clinics: A retrospective chart review. | June 2026
- Sheriff FR, Gonzalez S, Zoorob R. Come Home Houston: A program evaluation of integrated services for women with substance use disorders experiencing homelessness. | May 2026

Family and Community Medicine Residency Core Curriculum

- Joshi B. Presenter – DVT clinical presentations and management. | March 2026
- Joshi B. Presenter – Care of refugee and immigrant health. | Sept. 2025



PRESENTATIONS

FCM Sixth Annual Research Day

Educational Research

- Lateef M, Juneja M, Quadri Y. Care of homeless medical student elective.
- Joshi B, Bhattarai S, Aggarwal A. Importance of medical education in refugee and immigrant health.
- Zepf JF, Koltz E, Chinai A, Varpio L, Hoffman M, Merkebu J. Navigating metacognitive disorientation: Medical students' experiences of complex tasks. *Blue Ribbon: Highest Impact on Primary Care – Educational Research
- Afzalpurkar R, Sims S, Iyengar K, Juneja M. A weekly evidence-based medicine report to support clinical decision-making in family medicine.
- Quan M, Osuma E, Bailey A, Juneja M. Longitudinal student-led health seminars in pre-clinical curriculum deconstruct carceral health biases and prejudices.

Completed Research

- Nguyen J, Kim-Vences S, Cohen AS, Hirth J, Zoorob R, Champagne-Langabeer T. An assessment of buprenorphine availability in Harris County. *Third Place: Highest Overall Scores – Completed Research
- Collazo A, Brehm TJ, Olmeda K, Laytner L, Paasche-Orlow MK, Zoorob R, Trautner BW, Grigoryan L, Haltom TM. "Forget that. I'm taking the antibiotics": Patient antibiotic misconceptions, non-prescription use, and mistrust of clinicians.
- Bhattarai S, Dayal YS, Ataei H, Ali A, Joshi B. Patients knowledge of ideal body weight and recognition of obesity as a risk factor for chronic disease in underserved clinical settings.
- Sheriff FR, Collazo A, Mancera A, Olmeda K, Luna J, Faustinella F, Paasche-Orlow MK, Zoorob R, Trautner B, Grigoryan L. Acceptability of an educational intervention to reduce urine culture contamination: A pilot study. *Blue Ribbon: Highest Impact on Primary Care – Completed Research

Quality Improvement Completed

- Fatima A, Anyakorah I, Jwied M, Mahmood H. Equipping the provider, empowering the patient: Mind body modalities in urban primary care.
- Ghael P, Mehrotra N, Khera D, Khera N, Khoury S, Lee E, Hirth J, Juneja M. Understanding and improving HPV vaccine acceptance among adult female patients in a safety-net primary care setting.
- Ugarte C, Faustinella F. Antibiotic prescribing in suspected uncomplicated lower UTI: Overuse starts at the first office visit. *Blue Ribbon: Highest Impact on Primary Care – Quality Improvement Completed
- Chibundu C. Improving medication reconciliation accuracy through a two-step process in a family medicine clinic.
- Howell J, Jyothi A, Lackan A, Liang J, Aggarwal A, Rode R, Quadri Y, Juneja M. Nourishing knowledge: Community-based nutrition education at Santa Maria Bonita House.

Case Reports

- Abraham CM. Obesity hypoventilation syndrome – A consequence of morbid obesity.

Research Work in Progress

- Zhang GY, Kim-Vences S, Weyland A, Gaw E, Hirth JM. Trends in alcohol-related mortality involving cocaine versus other psychostimulants in the United States, 1999–2023.



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- Rajvong W, Hirth J, Sidani M, Zoorob R. Evaluation of a primary care led lung cancer screening program in East Texas. *First Place: Highest Overall Scores – Research Work in Progress
- Hirth J, Raza A, Waqar A, Zoorob E, Rangel A, Rodriguez J, Nguyen J. Assessment of community acceptance of AI in healthcare.

Quality Improvement Work in Progress

- Surapaneni U, Fields-Gilmore J, Rode R. Food pharmacy program and type 2 diabetes mellitus improvement.
- Afzalpurkar R, Khera N, Lee E, Juneja M. Improving adherence to guideline-recommended metformin use in prediabetes and its impact on metabolic syndrome: A quality improvement project. *Second Place: Highest Overall Scores – Quality Improvement Work in Progress
- Groff C, Varadarajan S, Bansal K, Rode R. Improving pre-operative risk assessment through standardized EMR templates which implement the ACC/AHA 2024 guideline for perioperative cardiovascular management for noncardiac surgery.
- Mendonca C, Harmjanz MV, Blackburn P, Ghurye S, Oliver E, Almaguer Serrano DN, Meza S, Adewusi-Olabode A, Rode R. "Are we prescribing safely for women" – A review of medication use in reproductive aged patients. *Fourth Place: Highest Overall Scores – Quality Improvement Work in Progress
- Khin S, Grybowski D. A data-driven, multimodal patient satisfaction improvement quality improvement project across ambulatory family medicine clinics.
- Khin S, Okundaye E, Grybowski D. A multidisciplinary, technology-enabled approach to improving hierarchical condition category (HCC) recapture across family medicine clinics.
- Adewusi A. Uncovering the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) on health outcomes: Improving physician knowledge and initiating screening in primary care.
- Caldwell C, Manning C, Inyang NO. Standardization, collaboration, home monitoring, and intensification: A four-pillar QI framework for hypertension control in African American patients.

TEMPLE

BSWH Scholars Day 2026 | May 8, 2026

- Ligon W, Hovland S, Bohannon J, Ramm J, Flory J, Corbett S, Vazquez C, Sanchez K, Reece S. PO-CUS implementation in primary care.
- Lopez-Lin M, Vazquez C, Ramm J, Flory J, Lakdawala M, Reece S. Reducing ED visits and hospitalizations through intensive primary care for Medicare Advantage patients.

2026 HCSRN Annual Conference | April 21-23, 2026

- Ramm J, Reece SC, Sanchez K, Sewell S, Vazquez C. Comprehensive primary care team model: Early insights on implementation from care teams in family medicine.

Dallas Family Medicine Leaders Meeting | March 14, 2026

- Reece SC, Corbett S, Vazquez C, Sanchez K. Why isn't my schedule filling? Exploring barriers to fill rates for APCs in primary care.



GLOSSARY

A

- **AAFP** – American Academy of Family Physicians
- **ACS** – Ambulatory Care Services
- **AHA** – American Heart Association
- **AOA** – Alpha Omega Alpha (ΑΩΑ) Honor Medical Society

B

- **BCM** – Baylor College of Medicine
- **BFM** – Baylor (Medicine) Family Medicine
- **BSWH** – Baylor Scott & White Health

C

- **CPRIT** – Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas
- **CTPH** – Consortium for Translational and Precision Health
- **CTSA** – Clinical and Translational Science Awards

D

- **DOCS** – Directors of Clinical Skills Education

E

- **ELAM** – Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine
- **ELH** – Executive Leadership in Healthcare

F

- **FCM** – Family and Community Medicine
- **FJMU** – Fatima Jinnah Medical University
- **FS** – Faculty Senate
- **FY** – Fiscal Year

H

- **HCSRN** – Health Care Systems Research Network
- **HEAL** – Helping to End Addiction Long-Term®

I

- **IDWeek** – Infectious Diseases Week
- **IU** – Indiana University

M

- **MSE** – Medical Student Education

N

- **NAPCRG** – North American Primary Care Research Group
- **NCCL** – National Conference of Constituency Leaders
- **NIH** – National Institutes of Health
- **NMC** – Nepal Medical College
- **NSBE** – National Society of Black Engineers Junior

P

- **PEAR** – Baylor's Professional Educator Appreciation and Recognition Award
- **POP** – Baylor's Power of Professionalism Award
- **PURPOSE** – Positively Uniting Researchers of Pain to Opine, Synthesize, and Engage

S

- **SER** – Society for Epidemiologic Research
- **SGEA** – Southern Group on Educational Affairs
- **SGIM** – Society of General Internal Medicine
- **SHEA** – Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
- **SHSU** – Sam Houston State University
- **STFM** – Society of Teachers of Family Medicine

T

- **TAFP** – Texas Academy of Family Physicians
- **TAMU** – Texas A&M University
- **TEACH-S** – Texas Educators' Academies Collaborative for Health Professions – Southeast
- **THECB** – Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- **TMC** – Texas Medical Center

U

- **UIW** – University of the Incarnate Word
- **UK** – University of Kentucky
- **UTHealth Houston** – The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
- **UTSA** – The University of Texas at San Antonio

W

- **WONCA** – World Organization of Family Doctors

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