Generalism
Task Group #10

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Mandate

To explore and develop evidence-based curricular strategies that will value and address the generalist approach, within the unique context of the University of Manitoba.
Generalism – A Working Definition

“One who possesses and uses daily, a breadth of knowledge with unselected patients; who has the ability to make sound decisions in relative uncertainty and undifferentiated presentations; to problem solve critically, provide ongoing care and accept care partnerships”

Modified 2005 Canadian Association for Medical Education Conference
Quoted in U of T Generalism Task Force Report, 2005
Outcome

At the end of their training, a graduating medical student who understands and respects the role of generalist physicians within the health care system, and can apply the principles of generalism in clinical settings.
Recommendations: UGME Leadership & PreClerkship

1. Generalism administrative lead and steering committee
2. Generalist approach explicitly integrated within UGME learning objectives
3. Generalism syllabus for UGME
4. Generalist “Master Teacher” program
5. Mandatory longitudinal early clinical experiences & reflective exercises in generalist settings
Recommendations: Clerkship

6. Increased number of core outpatient clerkship experiences

7. Core clerkship intersessions incorporating generalist approach

8. 4 week “Intro. to Residency” at end of Med 4 with generalist clinical exposures & summative review of the generalist approach to disease
Recommendations: Evaluation, Resources

9. A program evaluation process for generalism component of the curriculum
10. Ongoing funding and infrastructure to enable the above recommendations
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