The Department of Family Medicine offers a selection of Enhanced Skills programs designed to help you develop expertise in an area of interest. Our programs are open to current second-year residents and practicing family physicians.
Family Practice Anesthesia
This one-year program provides training in tertiary, community, and rural hospital settings. Graduates provide anesthesia services in many rural Manitoba communities. Entry into this program is coordinated through the Office of Rural and Northern Health; a return-of-service agreement is required.

Cancer Care
This program will help you develop skills in cancer management and prepare you for future practice in a wide variety of cancer treatment settings. Your training includes experiences in outpatient medical and radiation oncology, a family physician-led oncology continuity clinic, in-patient palliative care, outpatient pain and symptom management clinics, and rural oncology and palliative care.

Your learning experiences may be customized with other experiences such as surgical oncology, psychosocial support services, in-patient leukemia/stem cell transplant services, and oncology research. This program takes between six and twelve months to complete.

Care of the Elderly
Through this collaborative program offered jointly by the departments of Family Medicine and Geriatrics, you will gain expertise in providing complex geriatric care. You will work with geriatricians and family physicians in a variety of settings including hospitals, personal care homes, geriatric day hospitals, as well as home and community settings. Graduates of this program provide care across the province.

Emergency Medicine
We offer one year of specialty training in emergency medicine, accredited by the College of Family Physicians of Canada. After successful completion of our program and satisfactory results on the oral and written examinations, you will receive the Certificate of Special Competency in Emergency Medicine. This program is open to applicants holding their Certificate in Family Medicine.

In this program you will develop critical care skills that will help you recognize and manage acute illness and injury. You will gain this expertise through training in a wide variety of practice settings including adult and pediatric tertiary hospitals, urban community hospitals, as well as experiences with the Winnipeg Emergency Medical Service and the Northern Medical Unit of the University of Manitoba.

For more information about this program, visit our CaRMS section at www.carms.ca

Obstetrics & Women’s Health
In this flexible six-month or one-year program, you will learn advanced obstetrical techniques, such as assisted deliveries, basic ultrasound evaluation, manual removal, and complicated repairs. The 12-month program is designed to achieve competency in Caesarean section.

You will also have the opportunity to develop expanded knowledge in a variety of women’s health issues including management of menopausal concerns, infertility, urinary incontinence, prenatal care and mental health challenges throughout the life cycle. There are core rotations of required training as well as self-directed selectives based on your interests and needs.

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Palliative Care
Our Palliative Medicine program is the first of its kind in Canada. You will gain expertise in the many facets of palliative care through in-patient, outpatient, and consultative experiences, as well as home visits. You will also have the opportunity to participate in oncology clinics and rural palliative care. You will develop critical appraisal skills through the palliative care scholarly project and other academic roles including regular journal clubs.

Sport & Exercise Medicine
Through this popular program, you will develop skills in primary care sports medicine by working with other family physicians in this field, supplemented with exposure to specialty clinics. You will also gain experience through exposure to the wide range of sports medicine-related fields such as physical rehab, rheumatology, spine service, and others.

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