

DFM UGME Family Medicine Electives Policies

- Electives in Family Medicine at the University of Manitoba are prioritized for current University of Manitoba students, during the established elective period during 4th year, usually September - Mid January. During this time, we will not accept visiting student elective requests. All University of Manitoba students who request an elective in family medicine, will be offered one. We do our best to accommodate requests re: urban/rural/bilingual placements. Given the volume of requests, students who request both an urban and rural request may not be accommodated for both.
- University of Manitoba students will not be placed in an elective that is at the same location as their clerkship rotation.
- All electives will be for a maximum of 2 weeks.
- Elective requests for visiting students will be limited to current Canadian Medical students and Canadians studying abroad. For Canadians studying abroad, priority will be given to Manitobans studying abroad. Manitoba status will be determined per established criteria, as used by U of M admissions and applied during CaRMS applications. *Additionally, members of the Canadian Military and residents of Northern Territories will also be prioritized.*
- All elective requests need to be arranged via UGME electives office. If a student has identified a community preceptor with whom to do an elective, they are asked to include the community preceptor's information within the electives request form. Electives will only be arranged with community preceptors with an active appointment with the University of Manitoba Department of Family Medicine. These requests and contacts will be vetted by UGME and/or DFM prior to confirming placements.
- *Sports medicine will only be offered as an elective for University of Manitoba during the regular electives period (September - January)*
- Tentative elective schedule will be confirmed with sites, based on previous year commitment to elective students. This schedule will be circulated to each site for approval in ~March. Once elective requests are received via OPAL, student placements will be confirmed with each site.
- During the elective application, students will be asked to identify any particular site preference for their elective. Students requesting an urban elective will be asked to rank the following areas of interest, to help direct their elective request accordingly:
 - In-patient hospital work
 - Long term care
 - Family Medicine Obstetrics
 - Addictions
 - Indigenous Health
 - Home visits

All requests will depend on site availability.

General Family Medicine Elective Objectives

Medical Expert

1. Describe the key elements of an effective doctor-patient relationship.
2. Demonstrate patient-centered medicine (including exploring the illness experience and social context, and shared decision-making to reach common ground).
3. Manage clinical problems, commonly seen in family medicine,

4. Identify management priorities for patient with multiple morbidities.
5. Assess and begin to establish a management plan for patients with undifferentiated conditions and ambiguous presentations

Scholar

1. Conduct focused literature searches around clinical questions that arise from patient care
2. Evaluate the quality and relevance of scientific literature to specific patient scenarios
3. Develop and implement a basic self-directed learning plan when a personal learning need is identified.

Professional

1. The learner will define and maintain appropriate boundaries in a doctor-patient relationship
2. Maintain confidentiality of their patients and their families' personal health information at all times, and respect patients' rights and wishes
3. Reflect on specific aspects of professional behaviour with regards to how well they performed and how they could do better.

Health Advocate

1. Identify issues (social, economic, and resource) for patients and communities that may adversely affect health and access to health care.
2. Propose approaches to resolving identified issues, including the engagement of community resources where appropriate.

Manager

1. Seek and synthesize additional patient information (e.g. lab results, old charts, consult reports, pharmacy records, family member, etc.) when indicated.
2. Propose initial patient-centred management plans, including follow-up and use of any community resources.
3. Protect personal health and safety in family medicine settings.

Collaborator

1. Describe roles of other members of Primary Health Care team and how they impact patient care.
2. Demonstrate effective communication, both verbal and written, with other members of the health care team related to team based patient care.
3. Establish positive working relationships with physicians and other members of the inter professional team to support collaborative, patient centred care.

Communicator

1. Share information with patients and families in a clear manner (e.g. pathophysiology and treatment options).
2. Write clear and accurate prescriptions for patients.
3. Write clear and accurate requisitions for investigations to work-up patients.
4. Document patient encounters in a SOAP format.
5. Present cases effectively.

Rural Elective

- Rural electives are open to University of Manitoba students, Canadian Medical Graduates and Canadians Studying Abroad – Manitobans will be prioritized
- Elective placements are 2 weeks in duration
- Sites include all FMEDEC sites as well as other rural locations
- Typically involve patient care in family medicine clinics and community hospitals, other settings depending on the site

Urban Elective

- Urban electives are open to University of Manitoba students, Canadian Medical Graduates and Canadians Studying Abroad – Manitobans will be prioritized
- Elective placements are 2 weeks in duration
- Sites include all WRHA Primary Care sites, Community Health Agencies, My Health Team partner sites and Fee For Service clinics
- Primarily clinic-based electives, opportunity for inpatient, long term care, obstetrics and other focused practices (i.e addictions medicine, Indigenous Health) are site dependent

Bilingual Elective

- Opportunity for urban (Centre de Sante) or rural (Ste. Anne or Notre Dame) elective
- Bilingual electives are open to University of Manitoba, Canadian Medical Graduates (*University of Ottawa prioritized*) and Canadians Studying Abroad (Manitobans prioritized)
- 2 -4 weeks in duration
- Must be approved by Bilingual Program Director
- Must meet minimum French language requirement – to be determined to Undergraduate Bilingual Stream Lead

Additional Bilingual Elective Objectives:

1. *Develop an understanding of the barriers to care experienced by minority French speakers in Manitoba.*
2. *Gain experience in patient interview skills in French.*
3. *Increase knowledge of professional medical French.*

Sports Medicine

- Only available for University of Manitoba students
- 2 weeks duration