

Congratulations/Recognition



To Garrett Fontaine MD for creating and donating a lovely little side table to the MDFP precepting room! To Josie Conte DO, John Diefenderfer DO, Drew Freedman DO, Caroline LaFave

DO, Tom Pentzer DO, & Mark Sutherland DO for presentations at the March 11 NEOMEN regional conference, hosted by MDFMR. To Greg Feero MD, PhD for acceptance of “Workplace perk or pitfall? A qualitative study of genetic counselors' perspectives and experiences with workplace genetic testing” for publication in the *Journal of Genetic Counseling*. To Hope Huntley MD for selection as the family medicine resident representative for Maine’s Rural Obstetrics Education Consortium, and Katherine Dobosh DO who was selected to assume the role of resident representative on the MERGE Executive Council.

MERGE Collaborative News



The 2025 annual MERGE conference, in partnership with the Maine Research Symposium on Biomedical Science and Engineering, will be held at MGMC on

Nov 14. The keynote speaker will be Amy Madden MD, 2008 grad of Maine-Dartmouth’s FMR and 2017 MDFMR geriatric medicine fellowship graduate. On May 9, Corey Smith PsyD will be delivering a virtual Maine Rural Healthcare Education Grand Rounds lecture through MERGE on coaching the medical learner. Grand Rounds sessions are offered at no charge and available to everyone. Past sessions are archived for asynchronous viewing. See

<https://mergecollaborative.org/maine-rural-healthcare-education-grand-rounds/>

Symposium & Inaugural Alumni Network Event

MDFMR’s new Alumni Network Committee will launch its first alumni event following the 11th annual Scholarly Activity Symposium on June 3 in Page Commons at Colby College, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served, and alumni are invited to attend the Symposium as well. No RSVP needed. The Symposium will feature a keynote talk by Ann Dorney MD, MDFMR class of 1982, a notable figure in MDFMR’s storied past as described by John McPhee in *Heirs of General Practice*. The Alumni Network Committee, co-chaired by Greg Feero MD, PhD and Cathy Morrow MD (MDFMR BOD and former faculty), is in the process of establishing a presence on MDFMR’s website and is able to accept tax-deductible contributions. Contact Greg Feero for more info.

FDM Teaching at ACH

Dr. Angela Lim will be coming from California to teach an FDM module on spine and pelvis May 31 – June 1. The course is suitable for those with no prior FDM experience, and the concepts are applicable to all body regions. There is a discounted rate for faculty, residents, and med students; anyone who signs up by May 2nd can enter EARLY10 for an additional 10% discount. Contact Tom Pentzer for more information or register here: <https://www.thefdmacademy.com/registration-maine-module-2>

MDFMR Pond Hockey



Resident & faculty hockey enthusiasts participated in the annual Maine Pond Hockey Classic at Snow Pond Camp for the Arts Feb 14 – 16.

Faculty Recruitment News

We are so pleased to announce that [Lucy Algeo DO](#) and [Sam Deming-Berr DO](#) (MDFMR class of 2018) will be joining MDFMR as faculty hospitalists, and [Timothy McGraw MD](#) who is dually board certified in derm and FM will be joining as a faculty dermatologist!

Resident & Fellow Recruitment News

The sports medicine fellowship is happy to announce they matched with two fellows for the 2025-26 AY. [Minyoung Park DO](#) is completing FM training at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital in Long Island, and [Natalie Thom MD](#) is completing FM training at BayHealth Medical Center in Dover, DE.



[MINYOUNG PARK DO](#)



[NATALIE THOM MD](#)

Volunteers Needed for Maine Coast Marathon

The Maine Coast Marathon, half marathon, and 5K will be taking place May 3 & 4, 2025 in Wells. The race is operated by Ventures Endurance, whose national medical director is hoping to engage residents, fellows, and medical students in a support capacity for medical services. Reach out to [Chris Lutrzykowski](#) if interested.

Acupuncture Curriculum Reboot



In January, Maine-Dartmouth's longitudinal acupuncture/TCM education moved to a new time. Sessions with [Dr. Rick Hobbs](#) are now held

the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evening of each block at the ACH at 5:00, following didactics. Each session includes didactic teaching and needling practice. Interested residents who fully engage in the curriculum across the 3 years of FM training will be prepared for certification by the American Board of Medical Acupuncture. All interested residents and faculty are invited to engage in this amazing educational opportunity. Contact [Rick Hobbs](#) for more information.

Community Center for Unhoused in Augusta



The United Community Living Center (UCLC) has recently purchased the building behind the FMI to open as a daytime warming and cooling center for the unhoused community.

Faculty [Garrett Fontaine MD](#) is on the UCLC Board of Directors and is exploring how MDFMR might be involved in clinical and educational initiatives through this grassroots organization.

Thinking Broadly

The family medicine PGY1 class recently completed their Thinking Broadly block, during which they explore topics within the broad categories of community engagement & advocacy, critical thinking, and integrative medicine. Sessions included a visit to the State House in Augusta, culinary medicine, public health intervention, and critical thinking in advocacy.



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Accreditation Update

MDFMR as the Sponsoring Institution and all its graduate medical education programs have been awarded continued accreditation for another annual cycle, with no citations or areas for improvement noted.

Save the Date!

[May 8-10, 2025](#): AGS geri conference, *Chicago IL*

[May 31 – June 1, 2025](#): FDM spine & pelvis module, ACH B1102-3, *Augusta ME*

[June 3, 2025](#): Scholarly Activity Symposium, 1:15–5, Page Commons, Colby College, *Waterville ME*

[June 3, 2025](#): Inaugural Alumni Network Reception, 5:30-7:00, Page Commons, Colby College, *Waterville ME*

[Oct 14, 2025](#): NNE Faculty & Chief Development Conference, *Lewiston ME*

[Nov 14, 2025](#): MERGE conference, ACH, *Augusta ME*