

Department of Family & Community Medicine

Family Physician Services

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Family physicians are regulated health care professionals who have completed general medical training, followed by a two-year residency program specializing in Family Medicine

Family physicians provide care to patients across the lifespan and strive to uphold the four principles of Family Medicine:

- 1) The family physician is a skilled clinician
- 2) Family Medicine is a community-based discipline
- 3) The family physician is a resource to a defined patient population
- 4) The patient-physician relationship is central to the role of the family physician



SERVICES

Family physicians are skilled in the assessment, diagnosis, treatment and management of common acute and chronic medical conditions across the lifespan.

Family physicians also provide screening (eg. Referring for mammograms for breast cancer screening), preventative medicine (eg. Providing vaccines), and health education services to patients (eg. Counselling around diet and exercise to prevent heart disease).

Additionally, family physicians possess expertise in addressing patients' illness experience, emotional health and working with issues related to the impact of housing, food safety and relationships between family members and work-related concerns on health.