The Scope of Training for Family Medicine Residency:
Domains of Clinical Care and Evolving Professional Competencies
Objectives

• Describe the Domains of Clinical Care for residency training
  • Explain their impact on residency training
• Describe the Evolving professional competencies
  • Discuss their impact on residency training
• Discuss the relationship between Domains of Clinical Care, CanMEDS-FM and the Triple C Competency-based Curriculum
Background

• The goal of residency training is to produce family physicians who are competent to practice comprehensive continuing care in order to meet the needs of patients, families and communities.

• Programs must provide training in the full scope of family medicine and, must assess residents on an ongoing basis to ensure that competencies are acquired and educational goals are met.

• Documents have been produced by the Working Group on Curriculum Review to articulate the competencies required for comprehensive practice.

Background

- CanMEDS-FM identifies the roles and underlying broad competencies that allow FPs to practice effectively
- The Scope of Training for Family Medicine Residency is a companion document to CanMEDS-FM
  - It outlines the Domains of Clinical Care:
    - That constitute comprehensive family medicine as practised in Canada
    - Thus forms the basis for curricular content and for clinical competencies residents must acquire
  - The CanMEDS-FM roles are demonstrated by residents as they learn and carry out these clinical activities

Background

WHAT and WHERE should FM residents learn and demonstrate their competencies?

HOW should FM residents behave as they carry out these clinical activities?

HOW should these be taught, learned and assessed?

• See Domains of Clinical Care

• See CanMEDS-FM Roles

• Within a Triple C Competency-based Curriculum
Outline

The document entitled “Scope of Training for Family Medicine Residency” is organized into:

A. Domains of Clinical Care in residency training
B. Evolving professional competencies

This presentation will also discuss relationship between Domains of Clinical Care, CanMEDS-FM and the Triple C Competency-based Curriculum
A) Domains of Clinical Care

The Domains are arranged by:

• Life cycle
• Clinical settings
• Spectrum of clinical responsibilities
• Care of underserved patients
• Procedural skills
Care of Patients Across the Life Cycle

- Children and adolescents
- Adults
  - Women’s health, including maternity care
  - Men’s health care
  - Care of the elderly
- End of life and palliative care
Care of Patients Across Clinical Settings

Across urban and rural settings
- Ambulatory / office practice
- Hospital
- Long term care
- Emergency settings
- Care in the home
- Other community-based settings
Spectrum of Clinical Responsibilities

• Prevention and health promotion
• Diagnosis and management of presenting problems
  – Acute, Subacute, Chronic
• Chronic disease management
• Rehabilitation
• Supportive care
• Palliation
Care of Underserved Patients

Including, but not limited to:

- Aboriginal patients
- Patients with mental illness or addiction
- Recent immigrants
Procedural Skills

See CFPC list of core procedures

Defining core procedure skills for Canadian family medicine training

• Procedures listed require periodic updating
B) Evolving Professional Competencies

- These are selected competencies within the CanMEDS-FM Roles that will be required increasingly of family physicians in the future
  - These competencies should therefore receive emphasis during residency training in the coming years

- They are organized under relevant CanMEDS-FM Roles
Evolving Professional Competencies

Communicator
  - Information technology
    - Including electronic medical records

Collaborator
  - Collaborative, team-based practice
Evolving Professional Competencies

Manager

• Leadership
• Patient safety
  – Including error disclosure
• Quality improvement
• Information retrieval and management
Evolving Professional Competencies

Health Advocate
• Social responsibility
• Community responsiveness

Scholar
• Teaching
• Research
• Lifelong learning
Evolving Professional Competencies

Professional

• Professionalism
  - Ethics
  - Boundaries
  - Self-care
Relationship Between Domains of Clinical Care, CanMEDS-FM and Triple C

These three concepts are interconnected and support one another
Relationship Between…

• **Domains of Clinical Care:**
  – The essential clinical activities that define comprehensive care in family medicine
  – Thus the clinical content and settings of residency training in family medicine

• **It is in the provision of these clinical activities that family medicine residents learn and demonstrate the CanMEDS-FM Roles and competencies**
Relationship Between…

The **Triple C Competency-based Curriculum** utilizes **CanMEDS-FM** and the **Domains of Clinical Care** as guiding documents for program planners in the construction of a curriculum that:

- States expected learning outcomes
- Provides residents with opportunities to develop their competencies
- Provides opportunities to assess them on these competencies
Relationship Between…

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• See **Domains of Clinical Care**

• See **CanMEDS-FM Roles**

• Within a **Triple C Competency-based Curriculum**
Relationship Between…

The Triple C Competency-based Curriculum stipulates that the process by which these competencies will be most effectively acquired is through a curriculum that is:

- Comprehensive in scope
- Focused on continuity of education and patient care
- Centred in family medicine experiences
Relationship Between...

Essentially, a well-constructed Triple C Competency-based Curriculum permits residents to acquire and be assessed on the CanMEDS-FM competencies across the Domains of Clinical Care that comprise comprehensive family medicine.
Relationship with the Triple C Curriculum

To better understand the relationship between the Scope of training and other elements of the Triple C Curriculum, please view the other resources in the Triple C Toolkit

http://www.cfpc.ca/Triple_C/

Especially on the integration of CanMEDS-FM, the Domains of clinical care, and Evaluation Objectives within a Triple C Competency-based Curriculum

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