

Community based primary care training

Definition:

Community based primary care training refers to postgraduate training in family medicine conducted in an office practice setting. This training may not occur in hospital or hospital-based outpatient clinics, nor is it the same as Community Medicine*. The required training must expose the candidate to the ongoing continuing care of patients of all ages, in all phases of life. During this training, the candidate must master the provision of ongoing care while learning to integrate the use of pertinent supporting services such as home care, social services, public health, immunization clinics, and mental health services in the provision of ongoing care in the community rather than only episodic, hospital-based patient care.

Please note: This must be postgraduate training with defined learning objectives, supervision and formal assessment. Practice experience, community service, public service, national service, medical officer posts or other forms of employment do not satisfy this requirement.

*Community Medicine is a discipline that specializes in the management of issues that affect the health of communities and populations as a whole, such as infectious disease prevention, immunization programs, epidemic identification and control, environmental health hazards identification and management and public health policy. **Training in Community Medicine does not satisfy this requirement.**