

Family Medicine

A family medicine doctor is a primary care physician trained to care for patients of all ages, from newborns to seniors. Their broad scope of practice includes:

- Preventive care such as wellness exams, vaccinations, and screenings
- Chronic disease management for conditions like diabetes, hypertension, and asthma
- Acute care for infections, injuries, and other sudden illnesses

They also provide mental health support, women's health services, pediatric care, and minor procedures such as suturing wounds, skin biopsies, and joint injections.

Family medicine doctors take a holistic approach to health, considering lifestyle, family dynamics, and social factors that impact well-being. They emphasize continuity of care, often building lifelong relationships with their patients and coordinating with specialists when needed. Their goal is to promote long-term health and prevent serious illnesses before they develop.

Residency is 3 years, but some family physicians further specialize in areas such as:

- Sports Medicine
- Hospice and Palliative Care
- Geriatric Medicine
- Sleep Medicine
- Adolescent Medicine
- Pain Management

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