

FAMILY MEDICINE

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GENERAL ADVICE TO STUDENTS INTERESTED IN A FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY

Because family medicine is a particular board specialty, electives in all disciplines of medicine would probably be appropriate; however, most non-family medicine electives do not really present a family medicine approach to common medical problems, nor do they emphasize the ambulatory setting, the primary setting in which family practitioners practice medicine. Thus, we recommend that all students interested in a family medicine residency take at least two family medicine electives.

Family Medicine Ambulatory Electives – While the required one month of family medicine provides a firm foundation upon which to build additional skills, more experience in the ambulatory setting is needed before starting a family medicine residency program. Thus, we recommend that all students interested in a family medicine residency select one of our ambulatory electives, such as Preventative Medicine or another month of Ambulatory Family Medicine with a community-based preceptor.

Finally, for students who are very interested in the discipline of family medicine, we would recommend a family medicine research elective. Many residency programs are now requiring a research project of their residents prior to graduation.

Family medicine faculty are available to counsel students about the elective opportunities we offer in our discipline. Please do not hesitate to contact those elective advisers listed on the elective adviser sheet.

Additional Elective Topics

In addition to the departmental elective offerings described on the following pages, students may pursue other interests with faculty by arranging ad hoc electives or special projects according to the procedure outlined at the beginning of this book. Some potential elective topics and the faculty contacts are listed below. To explore other possibilities, please contact the departmental elective coordinator.

Topic	Faculty Name	Telephone Number
Family Medicine Research	Angela Stotts, Ph.D.	713-500-7590