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Survey of Current Indiana Family Medicine Residents' Preferences Regarding Training and Future Practice (G1005RS)

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Abstract

National leaders in family medicine education are considering changes to the requirements for training in family medicine. Many factors will impact the decisions these leaders make regarding the future of family medicine training. Currently, the preferences of our next generation of family physicians have been gathered indirectly. Formal study has been conducted on the preferences of medical students and internal medicine residency graduates, but there has not been this type of study on family medicine residents. There is currently a gap in the literature regarding the practice preferences of our next generation of family physicians.

The objective of this project will be to identify the preferences of Indiana family medicine residents regarding their scope of training and scope of future practice. A survey will be given to all 240 family medicine residents in the state of Indiana. This initial study will later be expanded to a study including family medicine residents from across the United States.

This data will be shared with leaders of family medicine education at national conferences, and will be published as well. The information gathered from this pilot study and the larger national study will allow family medicine leaders understand how our future generations of family physicians plan to practice family medicine, and allow those leaders to anticipate changes they should make in the educational scope of family medicine residencies.