
CanMEDS-FM SUMMARY RESOURCE

Family Medicine Expert

- ▶ **Integrates** all the **CanMEDS-FM roles** in order to function effectively as generalists.
- ▶ Establishes and maintains **clinical knowledge, skills, and attitudes** required to meet the needs of the practice and patient population served.
- ▶ Demonstrates proficient **assessment** and **management of patients** using the patient-centered method.
- ▶ Provides **comprehensive and continuing care** throughout the life cycle, incorporating preventive, diagnostic, and therapeutic interventions.
- ▶ Attend to **complex clinical situations** in family medicine effectively
- ▶ Demonstrates **proficient** and **evidence-based** use of procedural skills.
- ▶ Provides **coordination** of patient care, including collaboration and consultation with other health professionals and caregivers.

Communicator

- ▶ Develops **rapport, trust,** and **ethical therapeutic relationships** with patients and families.
- ▶ Actively **elicits** and **synthesizes information** from, and perspectives of, patients and families, colleagues, and other professionals.
- ▶ Accurately **conveys needed information** and explanations to patients and families, colleagues, and other professionals.
- ▶ **Develops a common understanding** on issues, problems, and plans with patients and families, colleagues, and other professionals to develop, provide, and follow-up on shared plan of care.
- ▶ Conveys effective **oral and written information.**

Scholar

- ▶ Maintains and enhances **professional activities** through ongoing self-directed learning based on reflective practice.
- ▶ Critically **evaluates medical information,** its sources, and its relevance to practice, and applies this information to practice decisions.
- ▶ **Facilitates** the **education** of patients, families, trainees, other health professional colleagues, and the public, as appropriate.
- ▶ **Contributes** to the creation, dissemination, application, and translation of **new knowledge and practices.**

Collaborator

- ▶ Participates in a **collaborative team-based model** with consulting health professionals in the care of patients.
- ▶ Maintains a **positive working environment** with consulting health professionals, health care team members, and community agencies.
- ▶ Engages patients or specific groups of patients and their families as **active participants** in their care.

Manager

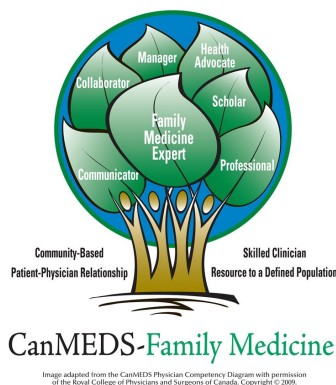
- ▶ **Participates** in activities that contribute to the effectiveness of their own practice, healthcare organizations, and systems.
- ▶ **Manages** own practice and career effectively.
- ▶ **Allocates** finite healthcare resources appropriately.
- ▶ **Serves** in administration and leadership roles, as appropriate.

Health Advocate

- ▶ Responds to **individual patient health needs** and issues as a part of patient care.
- ▶ Responds to the **health needs of the communities** served.
- ▶ Identifies the **determinants of health** within their communities.
- ▶ Promotes the health of individual **patients, communities, and populations**.

Professional

- ▶ Demonstrates a commitment to patients, profession, and society through **ethical practice**.
- ▶ Demonstrates a commitment to patients, profession, and society through participation in **profession-led regulation**.
- ▶ Demonstrate a commitment to **physician health** and **sustainable practice**.
- ▶ Demonstrate a commitment to **reflective practice**.



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