



Recent Innovation Projects

Residency Performance Index

In 2012, in response to family medicine residency programs increasingly questioning how to measure the quality of a residency programs outside of whether the program was accredited, the Residency Performance Index (RPI) was developed. RPI was designing using the Residency Program Solutions (RPS) Criteria for Excellence and basis and starting point to identify metrics and to develop a dashboard that programs could use to monitor progress toward excellence and quality. Data was collected from 2012-2017 by nearly 250 family medicine residency programs. Programs tracked 12 measures, identifying strengths and areas for improvement. 82 programs provided data for three or more years. In 2018, due to declining utilization, the AFMRD Board voted to sunset the RPI. Publication of key learnings is pending.

Family Medicine National Innovation in Continuity Clinic Experience (FM-NICCE)

In the Spring of 2018 AFMRD facilitated a waiver request to the ABFM on behalf of 25 family medicine residency programs. The request was to waive the requirement that residents be scheduled to see patients in the FMP for a minimum of 40 weeks during each year of training. The ABFM approved the request providing an opportunity for the 25 programs to develop FMP scheduling innovations. The innovations may limit the number of weeks scheduled in the FMP, but not the total number of patients scheduled. Programs must maintain accreditation in good standing and are required to report the following outcome measures 1) FMP visit per resident per year, 2) FMP sessions per resident per year, 3) continuity of care 4) resident satisfaction 5) patient satisfaction. This is a 5-year pilot project with reporting requirements during year three and at completion of the pilot. 22 programs remain in the pilot in September 2020.