WHY TEACH?
Teaching the next generation of physicians is a tradition that goes back to Hippocrates. In today’s world, being a preceptor for the Family Medicine clerkship can bring some benefits to your practice:

**EXCELLENCE**
Patients are impressed that you have the expertise to teach others. Teaching students spurs us to stay fresh, up-to-date and self-aware. Preceptors will receive clinical teaching appointments (Instructor or Assistant Professor) in the Medical College of Wisconsin Department of Family and Community Medicine.

**PRACTICE HELP**
Clerkship students are prepared to help with some of the time-consuming aspects of patient visits: medication reconciliation, smoking cessation counseling, motivational interviewing for weight loss. With some planning and guidance, they can be valuable additions to your practice.

**CME**
The American Academy of Family Physicians awards free CME credit to preceptors. You can earn additional credit when you access on-line faculty development modules on www.teachingphysician.org and preceptors get a discount on the tuition for MCW’s annual Family Medicine Winter Refresher.

**PIPELINE**
As you know, family doctors are in demand, and not enough students are choosing Family Medicine as a career. Many of our students who do choose Family Medicine cite their clerkship experience as a decisive factor. By working with a student in your practice, showing them the intellectual breadth of Family Medicine as well as the rewards of your patient relationships, you can promote the future supply of family doctors.

**OTHER BENEFITS**
For its volunteer faculty, MCW offers access to the library and electronic library resources.

**AWARDS FOR PRECEPTORS**
The Medical College of Wisconsin and the Department of Family and Community Medicine recognize the tremendous contribution that volunteer faculty in our communities make to the education of our students. As a token of appreciation, MCW gives the Marvin Wagner Award for outstanding clinical preceptors at its annual fall Convocation. The DFCM bestows its own additional Outstanding Clinical Preceptor awards at its annual June Research Forum.

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SUPPORT FOR PRECEPTORS

Potential preceptors may have concerns about how to integrate a student into their busy practice schedules. Strategies such as having the student present to you in the exam room with the patient increase efficiency and involve the patient in the teaching encounter in a way that most patients enjoy.

HEALTH SYSTEMS POLICIES AND ACCESS

You may also have concerns about your health systems policies about students and their access to the EMR. Our clerkship coordinators have ongoing communications with health system administrators and office managers, and ensure that our students are compliant with all requirements including background checks, EMR training, HIPAA training and immunizations before they arrive at your office.

PROFESSIONALISM

Rarely, a preceptor may encounter a student with academic or professionalism difficulties. By contacting the clerkship director, preceptors will get immediate help with assessing and addressing the issues.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

All preceptors will be given access to www.teachingphysician.org, developed and maintained by the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM). The site presents skills and tips for teaching medical students in easy-to-use, brief modules (which earn free CME credit as well). As other faculty development opportunities become available through the Department of Family and Community Medicine, preceptors will be notified and invited to participate.

INTERESTED?

We need sites and preceptors in our communities for our four-week M3 Family Medicine clerkship. Please talk with us when we call, or call us to start the process of working with a student. Our faculty are ready to answer questions, and our coordinators are ready to work with your administration to smooth the way.

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