Fostering Interest in Primary Care: from College through Medical School

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Texas Ranks 47\textsuperscript{TH} of 50 States In Number of Primary Care Physicians Per 100,000 People
The Case for a New Medical School

Relative levels of disadvantage and health status by quartiles

Note: Weighted percentages of respondents with one to seven indicators present for each geographic area were standardized as z-scores, and the totals were ranked in quartiles from high to low levels of disadvantage.

Source: Health of Houston Survey 2010
Who Chooses Primary Care?

Primary Care

- Women
- Interest in diverse patients and problems
- Parent’s career
- Broad educational background
- Non-traditional students
What makes institutions successful?

Mission

Focus on societal needs

Longitudinal experiences
UNIVERSITY of HOUSTON

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
MISSION

The UH College of Medicine will be accountable for improving the overall health and healthcare of the population of not only Greater Houston but also other urban and rural areas of Texas that face significant doctor shortages by:

Educating a diverse group of physicians who will provide compassionate, high value (high quality at reasonable cost) care to patients, families and communities, with a focus on primary care and other needed physician specialties, such as psychiatry and general surgery.

Conducting interdisciplinary research to find innovative solutions to problems in health and healthcare.

Providing integrated, evidence-based, high value care delivered to patients by inter-professional teams.

Engaging, collaborating with, and empowering patient populations and community partners to improve their health and healthcare.
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