

FAMILY MEDICINE @ NJMS

"OUR INCLUSIVENESS IS INTENTIONAL BECAUSE EXCELLENCE REQUIRES A DIVERSE COMMUNITY..."

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EDUCATION

The Division of Medical Student Education administers the third year clerkship in family medicine (CFM), fourth-year acting internships, family medicine research and quality assurance electives. Many community family physicians in practices all over New Jersey serve as volunteer faculty and host third-year students for the CFM.

Faculty actively facilitate small groups in the Patient Centered Medicine course for first and second year students, and oversee projects and activities in two community engaged service learning electives: The NJMS student-run free clinic, the Student Family Health Care Center (SFHCC), and the Domestic Violence Intervention Program.

The Department of Family Medicine has been awarded five Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grants for education in primary care. The last HRSA grant (2011-2016) focused on caring for underserved patient populations through the SFHCC. The department received the university-wide Departmental Award for Excellence in Education.

FACULTY PRACTICE

Our faculty practice offers comprehensive, holistic health care for all members of a family, from newborns to the elderly, and integrates behavioral medicine in routine daily care. Our patients come from diverse backgrounds, the majority identifying as Latino and African American. Staff and providers come from different backgrounds as well and many are fluent in Spanish. This contributes to an inclusive, multicultural, and welcoming environment, a better understanding of the needs of our patients, and an ability to address health disparities of the surrounding community. Since the practice is also part of a teaching institution, we have immediate access to the latest advances in medicine, which further contributes to excellent patient care.



Maritza De La Rosa, MD
Medical Director

Mission

To teach and model the principles of family medicine to students, residents and other physicians. We are dedicated to excellence in clinical care, research and advocacy; serving the greater Newark community and expanding the quality of primary care through education and collaboration with our students, patients and colleagues.

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Student Health Services takes pride in providing a medical home for students in all professional tracks. Our patients are diverse, coming from varied backgrounds from around the globe. Our patients' needs drive the services we offer, and have broadened in scope over time.

We offer family medicine services and procedures, including acute and chronic medical care, preventive care, full spectrum women's health, mental health, LGBT care, and travel consultations.



RESEARCH

Departmental research is driven by our faculty expertise, including immunizations and infectious disease prevention, quality assurance and improvement (QA-QI), primary care education, contraceptive optimization, and intimate partner violence.

Many of our projects are community-based and focus on improving outcomes for the patient we serve. Our QA/QI studies assure that our physicians and other health care providers are delivering the very best and safest medical care available. Through this monitoring, we help our practices achieve the best patient outcomes.

Clinical trials in the department focus on improving patient experience with contraception.



STUDENT FAMILY HEALTH CARE CENTER

As a longitudinal clinical experience beginning in first year, SFHCC sets NJMS apart from other schools. Beginning after the Newark riots in 1967, it is the longest continually running student-run free clinic in the country.

The clinic is led by about approximately 18 third-year medical student directors and a faculty advisor. There is extensive medical student participation and NJMS primary care faculty provide supervision. Medical students, along with other health professions students (dental, pharmacy, and dietetics) provide primary care to patients of the greater Newark area twice per week throughout most of the year. Graduate students assist patients in obtaining charity care and low-cost medications.

Students are exposed to Newark's diverse population, caring for patients from throughout the city in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

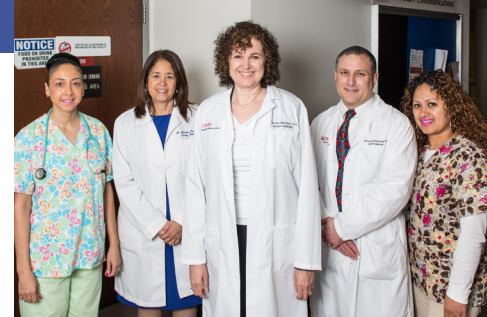


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ABOUT RUTGERS NEW JERSEY MEDICAL SCHOOL

Rutgers New Jersey Medical School (NJMS) is part of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences, one of the country's largest academic health centers. NJMS is dedicated to excellence in education, research, clinical care, and community outreach. Some pertinent facts:

- NJMS has 21 academic departments and many world-renowned scientists and doctors.
- In 2015, NJMS was named #1 in the state for NIH funding.
- NJMS is located in Newark, NJ, where African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and Asian/Pacific Islanders comprise more than 90 percent of the city's population and face many socioeconomic, educational, and health challenges.
- Underrepresented minorities made up 19.4 percent of the medical school's enrollment in 2014-2015.
- NJMS ranks in the 90th percentile for underrepresented minority graduates and 70th percentile for minority faculty, according to the 2014 AAMC Missions Management Tool.