

FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENT ELECTIVES POLICY

The purpose of electives (in priority):

1. Competency Development. Including those recommended or required by the program.
2. Individual interests

In planning for electives, it is important that residents start early. The first step is to review ideas and plans with the assigned Academic Advisor who will approve elective. Second, the resident can contact the proposed preceptor(s) to make sure they are available.

As the Ontario Government pays resident salaries, we encourage residents to do electives within Ontario. If the resident would like to do an elective outside of Ontario, the Site Director must also approve the elective before final arrangements are made.

Academic Advisor Role

The Academic Advisor will review proposed electives considering the resident's specific strengths and weaknesses. Other issues such as timing, relationship to other rotations/learning experiences, resident's objectives, and organization/structure/supervision of the rotation are all important and will also be considered. Experiences within an elective should be of long enough duration to provide an impactful learning opportunity and provide adequate supervision and assessment. Numerous short experiences and/or prolonged travel time are unlikely to be approved.

Residents must complete the elective forms on Elentra at least 6 weeks prior to the rotation.

Electives in Ontario

The following is needed for any elective:

- Elective type (name the specialty)
- Objectives – individual learning objectives must be formatted in the CanMEDS FM roles
- Name, email address, & location of practice of the supervisor who will be completing the elective evaluations
- Name, mailing address and email of any other organizations (e.g. hospital, university postgraduate office) that require a letter of good standing from the Program
- If completing an elective in a ROMP or ERMEP area, the application must be completed.

Electives Outside of Ontario

Email approval from the Site Director before submitting the Elective form in Elentra is required. Residents are not licensed to practice outside of Ontario - Several weeks prior to starting an

elective in another province, the resident must refer to the appropriate Canadian Medical Regulatory Authorities of the province they will be going to: <https://fmrac.ca/members/>. The resident must complete the prerequisites and approval for licensure before their start date.

International / Global Health / Health Equity Electives

For International Electives, Pre-departure Preparation must be completed. International electives should be confirmed and preparation started 6 months prior to the planned elective.