

# Primary Care in Vermont

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The University of Vermont  
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# Vermont's position nationally

**A. FIRST** in Overall State Health System Performance  
(Commonwealth Fund, 2015)

**B. FIRST** in primary care physicians per capita  
(AAMC Physician Workforce, multiple years)

**C. THIRD** in all physicians per capita  
(AAMC Physician Workforce, 2015)



# Primary Care Physicians in Vermont

## 60 or Older

(AAMC)

All Disciplines 32%

Family Medicine/  
General Practice 31%

Pediatrics 29% ♦ OB/Gyn 29%

Internal Medicine 35%

Psychiatry 51%

## Open Job Searches

(AHEC)

39% primary care

61% specialty care



# UVM's relative position nationally

**A. FIRST** in MD grads and MD students per capita  
(AAMC, 2015)

72% of Vermonters going to medical school attend UVM;  
they have more than a 20-fold advantage in admission

**B. 40-48%** of UVM MD grads go into primary care residencies  
(UVM, AAMC, and US News & World Report)

Ranks with Top 20, higher than 7 of them (USNWR)

# Our Curriculum Emphasizes Primary Care and Direct Patient Care

- A. Foundations (traditional first two years)
  - 1. History & Physical Exam, the backbone of Primary Care
  - 2. Doctoring in Vermont
  - 3. Community-based Public Health Research Project
- B. Clerkships (traditional third year) required in all medical disciplines
  - 1. Over half of this year devoted to Primary Care
- C. Advanced Integration (Elective Year)
  - 1. Acting Internship in Medicine required
- D. Student Interest Groups in Primary Care Departments (across all four years)



# Our Curriculum Is Exceedingly Innovative

- A. Integration of basic science into clinical science
  - I. Clinical focus, first day introduction to direct patient care, more months in patient care
- B. Copied by other Medical Schools
- C. Intense focus on active/engaged learning recognized internationally
- D. Outstanding Results

# Annual Investments by the College in Education & Research in Primary Care

	Annual Dollars	Faculty Headcount	Market Value
Office of Primary Care	\$672,000		
Payment for Education	\$3,831,825	153	
Research Awards (46)	\$23,904,396		
Infrastructure Support	\$6,310,758		
Primary Care Scholarships	\$323,240		\$4,578,872
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 35,042,219</b>		

# Investments the State of Vermont Makes in the College

Investment	Amount
UVM State Support Attributed to the Larner College of Medicine	\$10.0 M <sup>* 1</sup>
<b>Spending by the Larner College of Medicine</b>	
Infrastructure support	\$4.5 M
Tuition Discount for Vermonters	\$3.5 M
Research Support	\$2.0 M

\* Rounded up for clarity of presentation, Actually \$9.8 M

1 Equal to 2008 funding, meaning a decrease of 30% in purchasing power across the decade



# Future Investments and Initiatives by the College

## A. New scholarships for Primary Care

	ANNUAL BUDGET AVAILABLE	MARKET VALUE
<b>Commitments for New Primary Care Scholarships:</b>		
Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship Scholarships	\$ 140,000	\$ 420,000
Curran/Class of 1931 Scholarship	25,960	649,000
Ruth Seeler, MD'62 Scholarship	90,000	2,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 255,960</b>	<b>\$ 3,069,000</b>

## B. Longitudinal Integrated Clerkships

### I. Rural Primary Care



# Root Cause To Be Addressed

A. Salaries and Working Conditions of Primary Care Physicians

B. Geographic Distribution

1. Loan forgiveness
2. Teams of primary care providers
3. Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship

