

## **INTEGRATING FAMILY THERAPY INTO A PSYCHIATRY CLERKSHIP: PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION**

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A family therapy clinical experience is presented as a component of a third year psychiatry clerkship. The training, program involves placing medical students with family therapy students as co-therapists in a family therapy educational clinic. The purposes are: (1) to enhance primary care medical education through clinical experience in counseling families; (2) to encourage positive attitudes of medical students toward incorporating family systems work into primary care medical practice; (3) to facilitate medical student thinking about families as systems; and (4) to improve attitudes of medical students toward working collaboratively, with family therapists, psychiatrists, and other mental health practitioners in the context of primary care medical practice. Program evaluation is conducted four ways: verbal feedback, written evaluations, a longitudinal survey and an ongoing pilot study.

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