



## Family Practice Statement of Care

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**Family medicine is a three-dimensional specialty, incorporating**

- (1) knowledge,**
- (2) skill and**
- (3) process.**

**Although knowledge and skill may be shared with other specialties, the family medicine process is unique. At the center of this process is the patient-physician relationship with the patient viewed in the context of the family. It is the extent to which this relationship is valued, developed, nurtured and maintained that distinguishes family medicine from all other specialties. Maternal/child care is integral to the discipline of family medicine. All family physicians are trained in the care of pregnancy and common pregnancy problems.**

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