



Free resources for educational research in family medicine

Improve the quality of your educational research with mentoring and reliable data from CERA, the CAFM Educational Research Alliance.

CERA brings together the stakeholders of the Council of Academic Family Medicine (CAFM) to provide CAFM members:

- Increased opportunity for published research and scholarly activity
 - A better process for surveying constituents
 - A clearinghouse of quality data for analysis and study.
- Residents can use this free resource to access data for their RC scholarship requirement.

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Residency faculty often don't have the resources or infrastructure to conduct high quality educational research studies. CERA now offers reliable data and research expertise to help faculty and residents advance concepts through data collection and analysis to publication.

CAFM members can also apply for grants to cover direct costs related to research activities.

A better process for surveying constituents

Surveys are a common data collection strategy for educational research in family medicine. CERA will conduct one survey per year of:

- Family medicine department chairs
- Family medicine residency directors
- Clerkship directors
- Behavioral science directors

Each survey will include a set of recurring questions, to provide data for historical comparisons, plus research questions submitted by CAFM members. Research questions will be selected through an application process, with priority given to proposals likely to yield a high quality peer-reviewed publication. CERA experts will be available for mentoring and feedback throughout the application process. Faculty and/or residents whose questions are selected for a survey will receive the results three months prior to release of the information to the general membership.

A clearinghouse of quality data for analysis and study

CAFM members will have access to a variety of data sets collected through CERA for analysis for studies. Content will include data related to specific research questions, plus:

- Demographics of medical schools, residencies and fellowship programs
- Graduate statistics of medical schools, residencies and fellowship programs
- Data on clerkship clinical topics and residency and fellowship competencies

CERA MISSION

The mission of CERA is to set within family medicine a standard for medical education research that is rigorous and generalizable; to provide mentoring and education to junior researchers; to facilitate collaboration between medical education researchers; and to guide the specialty by providing leadership and vision in the arena of medical education research.

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