



Comprehensive Care: A Family Medicine principle

Family medicine integrates a broad-spectrum approach to primary care with the consideration of health-impacting social determinants and community factors, while also serving as an advocate for the patient. Family medicine includes the biological, clinical, and behavioral sciences, encompassing all ages, sexes,

each organ system, and every disease entity. The focus of a family physician is the whole person. They shepherd male and female patients of all ages through a complex health system and coordinate the care of their health. By building relationships with patients and other health workers over

time, family physicians are able to develop a comprehensive understanding of their patients' and communities' health, and offer insightful, personal guidance and treatment.



Above: Comprehensive means surgical intervention at the district hospital if needed for a life-threatening emergency.



Above: Comprehensive care means care for all ages and sexes, including care for this premature baby at Nkhoma Hospital.



Above: Comprehensive care means building relationships with patients by explaining the plan of care to better provide personal guidance and treatment



Above: Dr. Jessie Mbamba presenting on tuberculosis policy at the district and national level as part of the

With dedicated support from honorary faculty Dr. Ulrika Baker, the district health systems module provided Family Medicine registrars with the knowledge and skills necessary for the management of district health services in Malawi from six cross-cutting themes. The culmination of the learning was a presentation at Mangochi to the hospital leadership and faculty, seen here.

We are recruiting Registrars for our MMed in Family Medicine!!

If you interested or know anyone who would be interested please visit our [website](http://sphfm.medcol.mw/family-medicine/) for more details.