

The best prescription for the Cincinnati community is a well-trained physician.

Why a gift for tomorrow's doctors is an investment in the future



Every dollar raised for GME programs helps provide quality medical education, research, and teaching: ensuring that our students will become compassionate, excellent physicians.

What is a GME?

GME stands for “**Graduate Medical Education,**” and is more commonly referred to as a “residency.” These years of training allow physicians to specialize and practice independently following medical school. When you make a gift to support the GME programs at Mercy Health across Cincinnati, more residents will learn to provide the hands-on care that patients need, when they need it.

2 OUT OF 5
physicians
will turn 65
before the
year 2030

Source: <https://www.aamc.org/news-insights/us-physician-shortage-growing>

Addressing the Projected Physician Shortage with a GME Expansion:

Like many communities in the United States, the Cincinnati area will face a significant shortage of physicians, most notably in primary care, in the next decade due to a combination of factors:

- Baby Boomer physicians are preparing to leave the workforce
- Competitive salaries in more lucrative medical fields draw talent away from interest in primary care practice or emergency medicine.
- Fewer opportunities for medical internships exist compared to the number of medical school graduates, making GME training more difficult to obtain.

Because it takes many years to train a doctor, these shortages must be addressed now, so that Greater Cincinnati patients will have access to the care they need in the future.

Supporting the GME programs at The Jewish Hospital — Mercy Health and Mercy Health — Anderson Hospital ensure that well-trained doctors focused on patient-centered care will make a home here in Cincinnati.

A proud legacy of care & teaching: The Jewish Hospital — Mercy Health

90
average number of annual residents in combined residency programs of Mercy Health — Cincinnati

In 1850, as a cholera epidemic swept through Cincinnati and claimed thousands of lives, the city's Jewish population

responded to this outbreak with action and compassion. Sounding a call to arms to help indigent Jews affected by the disease, community leaders created the first Jewish hospital in the United States right here in the Queen City.

As our nation's first Jewish hospital, The Jewish Hospital — Mercy Health embodies a unique legacy of caring that touches the lives of patients and their loved ones throughout the region. Known for innovation and advanced clinical expertise in a wide range of specialties, they are also America's first Jewish teaching hospital when it welcomed its first intern in 1895, the legacy continues today training the next generation of physicians in the fields of internal medicine, general surgery and podiatry.



The Jewish Hospital-Mercy Health's Education Center opened in 2019 and was fully funded through philanthropy.

Your gift to the GME Expansion at Mercy Health — Anderson is an investment in family medicine and emergency care across Cincinnati

According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, a nationwide primary care physician shortage of between 21,400 and 55,200 is projected by 2033. At Mercy Health, the presence of a strong primary care program is critical to fostering a patient and family-centered atmosphere, while investing in emergency care meets our community's growing acute care needs on the East Side. [This is why a GME program expansion in primary and emergency care fields is a true investment in the health of our community.](#)

Once selected, trainees in the GME primary and emergency care programs will not only provide high quality care to Mercy Health patients, but will also help create the future of primary care and emergency medicine. While providing excellent care for seniors, veterans and other at-risk individuals, they will also bring innovative approaches to healthcare delivery, impacting team-based care, quality initiatives, and patient safety.

1 First new residency program in Cincinnati in decades

Investing in the excellence of your various care needs:

Mercy Health's GME programs on the campuses of The Jewish Hospital — Mercy Health and Mercy Health — Anderson Hospital provide hospital-based medical training for physicians, including internship, residency, subspecialty, and fellowship programs, leading to state licensure and board certification. Thanks to the recent program expansion at Mercy Health — Anderson Hospital, Mercy Health now offers a comprehensive slate of GME programs for primary care medicine, general surgery, emergency care, internal medicine and podiatric medicine.

Studies show that the quality of care improves demonstrably when physician training is occurring at a teaching hospital such as The Jewish Hospital — Mercy Health or Mercy Health — Anderson Hospital. The presence of a teaching program also attracts high-performing, seasoned physicians who want to practice in a teaching environment, such as Dr. Stephen Feagins one of the leaders at Mercy Health — Anderson Hospital.

Top quality leadership

Dr. Steve Feagins wears many hats in Greater Cincinnati - as the medical director for Hamilton County Public Health, he was the trusted face of countless COVID-19 briefings. To professional soccer fans, he is also a familiar figure - attending to FC Cincinnati players as their team physician. But to the Primary Care GME students, he is their energetic Chief Clinical Officer, who smiles when he shares that each day leading the program "is an adventure."

For this former Air Force flight surgeon whose elite resume would open doors for him anywhere, Dr. Feagins has chosen service and teaching in Greater Cincinnati as his priority and passion. "The privilege of teaching the next generation of doctors is an opportunity and responsibility that we take seriously here at Mercy Health — Cincinnati," remarks Dr. Feagins. According to Dr. Feagins, "there's a certain kind of pedigree that we want to cultivate here at Mercy Health — Cincinnati. We are not just training doctors - we are creating leaders who also understand the importance of teamwork."

Investing in the GME program supports the work of physician leaders such as Dr. Feagins and his team of highly qualified, passionate instructors as they shape the next generation of excellent doctors while ensuring continued excellence in health care.



High quality learning experiences lead to better patient care

Our GME Program curriculum will advance education of the highest quality, combining lectures, clinical service, hands-on simulation patient care scenario, safe patient care, and research. Our physician instructors and program leadership will provide progressive supervision and evaluation, and will guide students' ethical, professional, and personal development. The expanded GME program at Mercy Health — Anderson will have a state-of-the-art Simulation Laboratory. Simulation-based training improves technical skill, reliability, teamwork and communication. Patient simulators allow for training situations mimicking real-time interventions such as defibrillation and medication administration with realistic patient responses.

The GME program expansion will continue to produce excellent physicians, board-eligible in their specialties, with the highest academic, ethical, clinical and professional standards of medicine—a crucial component of our ability to remain capable of providing a comprehensive, compassionate and continuous health care for everyone in our Greater Cincinnati community.

To build educational excellence, we appeal to your generosity to help us:

- Improve and create cornerstone GME facilities with a state-of-the-art learning spaces and Technology
- Create endowed positions for clinical faculty that accelerate the efforts of our most accomplished and promising faculty physicians.
- Establish endowed and expendable innovation awards for breakthrough educational opportunities.
- Fund scholarships to support our best and brightest medical residents and trainees.

The new dedicated GME Family & Community Medicine Program space at Mercy Health — Anderson is located on the hospital campus to provide residents connectivity to all aspects of acute and outpatient care.





Supporting Social and Economic Development

How a Gift to the Expanded GME Program is a Wise Investment in Our Community

Nationally,
53%
of residents
stay in the
states where
they are
trained.

Studies tell us that GME programs have effects beyond enriching a medical student's life and career:

- **Job Creation:** Communities within 100 miles of a GME Program boast significantly more physicians per capita than similar communities without such programs.
- **Cost Savings to Taxpayers:** Honoring the Mercy Health mission, many of our medical resident programs are placed in clinics that serve low-income populations. GME Programs improve access to care for underinsured patients, while savings are made through better care coordination and decreases in unnecessary hospitalizations and a reduction in use of emergency care by uninsured patients.
- **Improved Care Quality:** Observational studies have shown a greater overall quality of care among teaching hospitals compared to non-teaching hospitals, because the simple presence of a teaching program attracts the very best, experienced physicians who are specifically attracted to practicing in a teaching-learning environment.
- **Stronger Local Hospitals:** Studies indicate that all local community hospitals see significant savings in recruitment costs for every locally-trained GME resident they hire, enabling investment in other efforts in patient care and community health.

Caring for the poor and vulnerable

What sets us apart, our faith-based mission, is visible in our GME Program as it strengthens our ability to serve the poor and most vulnerable in our community by providing more professionals who can delivery hands-on care. Community-oriented outpatient service projects sponsored by our GME Program, such as vaccination clinics, school-based health education programs, and nursing home support, will result in better health outcomes, improved quality of care, and better patient experiences. Mercy Health's GME Program expansion provides essential care to those that need it the most, and in turn, makes a big difference in the general health and wellness of our community.

We act because our Mission compels us. Mercy Health is called to care for poor and underserved members of our community—and in Hamilton County, that's over 18% of the population, a county where the poverty rate is 23% higher than the 13% average across Ohio. The need is real, right here in Cincinnati, and the expanded GME programs will continue to support our core work as a ministry. As we look to the growing and changing health care needs of our community, paired with the looming physician shortage facing us, we are confident that the GME programs at Mercy Health — Cincinnati will be critical in creating a healthier world, one student at a time. Won't you join us in helping us write the best prescription for the healthiest tomorrow?

