The Longitudinal Clinical Community Medicine Experience (LCCME) is a curriculum set to train primary care-focused medical students in community health settings. Twelve (12) students will be chosen for this program where they can experience longitudinal relationships with patients and primary care faculty throughout their four years of medical school. Under the supervision of faculty mentors, students will be part of the community-based outpatient care team, while gaining an appreciation for continuity of care, the patient-centered medical home, primary care and community medicine.
This program is a part of the required Introduction to Clinical Medicine (ICM) experience in which all Keck School of Medicine (KSOM) students participate. Twelve (12) students will be selected by lottery from students choosing to apply to the pilot longitudinal community medicine program for this alternate ICM experience. Opportunity to experience longitudinal clinical care, the patient centered medical home (PCMH) and the social determinants of health will be program highlights. Monthly outpatient Community Health Center (CHC) continuity clinic visits will complement the traditional hospital-based ICM experience. Students will be assigned to a CHC site where they will be paired one-on-one with a voluntary primary care physician (PCP) faculty mentor. Students will participate in the continuity clinic during their first 2 years of medical school. CHC mentors will identify patients and families that students can follow through 2 years of medical school with the opportunity for continued care in years 3 and 4. Students will also be a part of a quarterly, community-based ambulatory geriatric experience. They will work together with an inter-disciplinary care team consisting of medical, pharmacy, physical and occupational therapy students. They will meet with a geriatric patient over time at a local independent living facility during their first 2 years of medical school. Students enrolled in the longitudinal care pilot will have the opportunity to spend their 6 week Family Medicine required 3rd year clerkship in their home CHC, which will be a more intense clinical experience.

Fourth (4th) year students can develop a schedule that will allow them to continue to follow their patients in the CHC. While in the CHC, they will have the opportunity to mentor year I/II students who are participating in the longitudinal experience and perhaps to pass on their roster patients to the new team. Community-based research opportunities will be available to students at their CHC for their 2nd year Required Scholarly Project (RSP). This experience will take the place of elective ICM focus experiences.

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