Building the Future of Internal Medicine in Texas
How can I contribute to building the future of quality medical care in Texas?

You can donate to the TXACP Foundation to aid in programs that keep Internal Medicine thriving throughout the state. One such successful initiative, the General Internal Medicine Statewide Preceptorship Program (GIMSPP), was placed in jeopardy when funding was eliminated by the Texas State Legislature in 2011. TXACP was determined to continue this program that has existed for two decades through funding by the TXACP Foundation.

What is the General Internal Medicine Statewide Preceptorship Program (GIMSPP)?

The GIMSPP places medical students with General Internists across the state for two, three or four-week preceptorships during the student’s summer break. Students from all nine Texas medical schools that are in their first and second year of medical school participate in the program. These students spend their entire time with willing General Internists who function as preceptors and mentors for the student. Medical students and preceptors give the program rave reviews, in part because it gives the medical student a better understanding of the important role these physicians have in delivering quality healthcare. The purpose of GIMSPP is to attract medical students to careers in Internal Medicine, by allowing them to experience the daily life of a physician who provides primary care.
How does GIMSPP keep medical students interested in Internal Medicine as a specialty?

Current literature supports the important role of early clinical exposure in medical education, and the medical school curriculum is changing to incorporate early experiences. The GIMSPP provides a unique opportunity for students to gain clinical skills, experience mentoring and learn about the practice of Internal Medicine in a low-stress, real-world environment, away from their academic medical campus. GIMSPP has enrolled over 2,500 students over the past 20 years. Pre-and post-survey comparisons conducted by GIMSPP’s administrative staff show notable increases in clinical skills with enhanced confidence in patient care. The majority of students report that the experience reinforced or increased their career interest in Internal Medicine. Follow-up surveys conducted after the student completes medical school show that GIMSPP participants have selected Internal Medicine for postgraduate training at percentages higher than other U.S. medical graduates.

What do students have to say about the overall experience of the program?

• *This was a wonderful learning experience for me in a relaxed atmosphere! I was able to see a wide variety of conditions/patient complaints, and improved on my history taking skills especially.*

• *My preceptorship was more rewarding than I could ever imagine. Many things I learned during my first year were reinforced during the last four weeks.*
• I really enjoyed the time I spent on my preceptorship. It solidified my desire to enter medicine, increased my interest in Internal Medicine as a specialty, and augmented my knowledge in ways that a classroom couldn’t.
• I am now convinced that I will be pursuing general Internal Medicine after leaving medical school.
• This was an extremely enriching experience that I will benefit from tremendously in the future.
• I came in timid with patients and now I have a new huge confidence with all types of patients.

Donor Levels

Cumulative (Lifetime) Donation / Pledge Recognition Levels:

$100 ............Supporter  
$1,000 ........Bronze  
$5,000 ........Silver  
$25,000 ......Gold  
$100,000 ....Platinum  
$500,000 ....Diamond

Recognition / Benefits:

SUPPORTER:
• Permanent listing recognition on the TXACP Foundation website.
• Donation year recognition in the state chapter annual meeting onsite brochure.
BRONZE:
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• Donation year recognition at the Texas chapter reception at the ACP national annual meeting.

SILVER:
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• Lifetime recognition at the Texas chapter reception at the ACP national annual meeting.
• Framed certificate acknowledging donation.

GOLD:
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• One year waiver of state chapter annual meeting attendance fee if a physician-donor. If non-physician donor, this benefit may be awarded to a physician chosen by the donor.

PLATINUM:
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• Invitation to address the state chapter meeting plenary session and the state chapter reception at the annual meeting.
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• Five year invitation to exhibit in vendor area of state chapter annual meeting with vendor fee waived.
## History of student participation by medical school (1995-2013)

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## GIMSPP participants vs. national average for students matching in internal medicine

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