

CALL FOR PAPERS

Family Medicine Theme Issue:

The Outcomes of Family Medicine for America's Health

The Family Medicine for America's Health (FMAHealth) Board of Directors and the journal *Family Medicine* announce our intention to publish a theme issue of *Family Medicine* to highlight the lessons learned and accomplishments of FMAHealth's 5-year collaborative effort to drive improvement in American health care, demonstrate the value of primary care, and reform the specialty of family medicine. The purpose of the theme issue will be to provide an assessment of the project and to update the journal's readers about FMAHealth's progress in achieving its goals.

Papers for the theme issue will be considered if they are submitted to the journal by July 1, 2018. All submissions should comply with the journal's [instructions for authors](#) and must be submitted into the journal's electronic manuscript management system.

Papers will be considered in the following four categories:

1. Original articles are works of original research and should have a rigorous study method. The study should be broadly generalizable to the field of family medicine. In general, these papers should be written as formal research papers and the study must be either approved or waived by an institutional research review board (IRB) if data are collected and reported. Original articles are limited to 3000 words along with no more than 5 tables or figures.
2. Brief reports are also works of original research, but may be smaller in scope and less generalizable across all programs or practices. They also must have IRB approval and are limited to 1000 words with no more than 5 tables or figures.
3. Narrative essays are 1,000-word personal stories and will be evaluated by the degree to which they illustrate the work of family physician or family medicine educators and the degree to which they are relevant to this project.
4. Special articles are papers that do not conform to the three categories listed above. They are limited to 3,000 words and no more than 5 tables or figures. Special articles need not be original research papers and may take the form of progress reports from committees, tactic teams, or organizations that have worked on the FMAHealth project. For this theme issue, special articles should follow a format with the following section headings:
 - a. **Charge:** What was the assigned charge given to the working group or tactic team at the outset of the project?
 - b. **Method** of addressing the charge: By what process did the group set out to accomplish the charge set out for it?
 - c. **Changes in the charge:** How did the group's efforts evolve over the course of the project? Were new tasks added? Were designated tasks changed or eliminated?
 - d. **Outcomes** produced: What were the measurable successes of the group's efforts? How did you determine success for each accomplishment?

- e. **Failures and lessons learned:** What were the areas where the group failed and what was learned from each of these failures?
- f. **Advice for the future:** Family medicine has conducted a formal strategic planning process twice since 2000, first with the Future of Family Medicine project in 2004 and then with the FMAHealth process in 2015. What advice would your working group or tactic team offer for the next Future of Family Medicine project?

Papers are welcome from any person or group that has worked on FMAHealth. The FMAHealth leadership is encouraged to invite formal responses to this call for papers from each its tactic teams or committees. In addition, the journal hopes to receive a formal and rigorous assessment of the FMAHealth communications plan. This assessment should include a formal analysis of the plan comprised of a rigorous and detailed evaluation method. Ideally, the communications report should be submitted as an original article and should adopt study methods that are well accepted for research in the field of communications.