

## Authors' Response to "Appreciating the LoTP Study: Further Refining Scope-of-Practice Analysis"

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### TO THE EDITOR:

We appreciate the thoughtful comments regarding comparisons that could be made regarding single-site program length and fellowship or "track-specific" training.<sup>1</sup> The objective of the pilot was to study training length as 3 versus 4 years of training.<sup>2</sup> It may not be evident in the scope of practice paper, but many of the 4-year programs offered "areas of concentration" that allowed residents to focus on a specific area of interest to them, which may be less formal but does represent a "training track." As we mentioned in the original paper, the benefits of undertaking lengthened training

include that residents retain their continuity patients for an additional year while also getting training in areas important to their future careers. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Advancing Innovation in Residency Education (AIRE) family medicine effort is also studying different training model length approaches, which will also contribute importantly to these efforts.

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