

Review of the innovative multi-disciplinary program for family medicine intern in New Territories West Cluster (NTWC)

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Introduction

The aim of the study was to evaluate the newly introduced family medicine intern program in Tin Shui Wai (Tin Yip Road) community health centre, which is located in NTWC in Hong Kong.

With the government's drive for improving Hong Kong's primary care, the first family medicine intern program was initiated in 2017 in Hong Kong. It was a 6-week placement program where its curriculum has chronic disease model and multi-disciplinary team collaboration.

The program helped the interns to equip as a prospective family physician of the primary health care team.



Method

In NTWC, we arranged the intern to work in the Tin Shui Wai (Tin Yip Road) community health centre. A total of ten interns were enrolled since 2017. They were invited to complete a short paper questionnaire at the end of the internship. The qualitative questionnaire was to explore the intern comment on the programme structure, training content, supervision, and the overall comment.

We reviewed the feedback from all ten interns who had clinical attachments in the community health centre



Findings

The favorable aspects of the program include:



On average, they rated 8 out of 10 in the satisfaction survey, that would recommend FM internship training to others, and they rated 7 out of 10 considering Family medicine as their future career

By the end of internship, 3 interns finally choose family medicine as their career.



Conclusion

This pilot review shows that multi-disciplinary intern program in the community Health Centre is beneficial for interns in learning family medicine and later who will choose family medicine as their career.