

Forty Years at a Glance

- 1970**
 - The Madison Family Practice Residency Program is created
 - John Renner, MD is hired by Marc Hansen, MD to lead the residency program
- 1971**
 - The first two residents enter—David Kuter, MD and Richard Larson, MD
 - The Wingra Clinic opens
- 1972**
 - The Verona Clinic opens
- 1973**
 - The UW Medical School approves creation of the Department of Family Medicine and Practice, John Renner, MD appointed as Chair
 - The Northeast Clinic opens
- 1973-78**
 - Residency Program sites open in Milwaukee (St. Mary's Hospital), Waukesha, Eau Claire and Wausau
- 1978**
 - John Renner, MD resigns as Chair—William Scheckler, MD is appointed as Interim Chair, and then Chair
 - The Milwaukee and Waukesha sites affiliate with the Medical College of Wisconsin
- 1980**
 - Residency Program site is established in Appleton
 - Formal education for medical students in family medicine is established by the Department
- 1982**
 - Eugene Farley, MD MPH is appointed Chair
- 1984**
 - A Research Division is established in the Department
 - Faculty members Michael Fleming, MD MPH, Patrick McBride, MD, and James Davis, MD MS attract major research funding for the Department
- 1985**
 - An Outreach and Development Division is established with external funding
 - Correctional Medicine and Community-Oriented Primary Care Projects begin
- 1987**
 - The Wisconsin Research Network (WReN) is established
- 1989**
 - St. Luke's Family Medicine Residency in Milwaukee affiliates with the UW
- 1990**
 - The UW Physician Assistant Program joins the Department
 - UW Medical School approves a new primary care requirement for third-year medical students
- 1991**
 - The first Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO) course is started by DFM faculty
- 1992**
 - Eugene Farley, MD MPH steps down as Chair—Richard Roberts, MD JD is appointed as Interim Chair
- 1993**
 - John Frey, MD is appointed Chair
- 1996**
 - The first Rural Training Track is established in Baraboo—additional tracks were established in Antigo, Augusta, and an urban track in Milwaukee at the Central City location
- 1998**
 - The Physician's Plus Medical Group merges with the UW Medical Foundation, adding 50+ practicing physicians to the Department—clinics affiliated with the merged organization become UW-Health Clinics, both community and residency
- 2000-08**
 - Residency programs accredited for teaching Doctors of Osteopathy
 - Research Fellowship opportunities expand
 - Four Department faculty hold leadership positions at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health
 - Department research faculty gain national and international recognition
 - Almost every residency clinic in the state is remodeled or rebuilt
- 2006**
 - John Frey, MD steps down as Chair—James Davis, MD MS is appointed Interim Chair
- 2008**
 - Valerie Gilchrist, MD is appointed Chair
- 2010**
 - 40th Anniversary Celebration