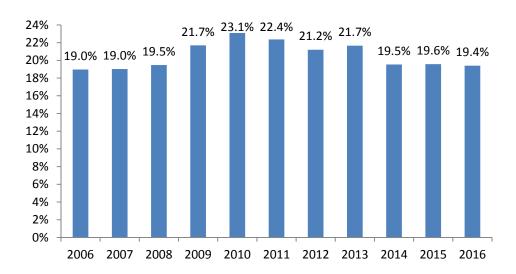
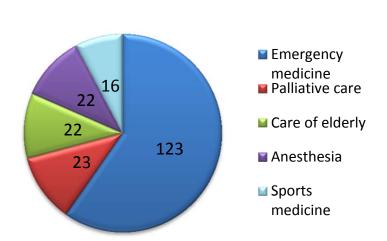
Fact sheet: Trends in third year Family Medicine trainees

Family medicine requires two years of postgraduate training before the residents can sit the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) certification exams. Some residents choose to do a third year to achieve additional skills. The number of physicians in ministry funded third year family medicine positions has doubled over the last decade from about 150 to almost 300. However, the proportion of those proceeding to a third year after completing two years peaked during this period in 2010-11. At that time, it represented 23.1% of those who completed second year in 2009-10. Since then, the proportion doing a third year has slowly decreased to 19.4%.

FM residents doing a 3rd year as a percent of those in 2nd year, one year prior (Ministry funded only)



Residents completing Certificate of Added Competence, 2016-17



A subset of those in 3rd year identified as completing a CPFC designated Certificate of Added Competence (CAC). The most popular of these is emergency medicine comprising 60% of all those in 3rd year family medicine CAC programs in 2016-17. Palliative care, anaesthesia and care of the elderly each represented 11% and sports medicine 8%.

In 2016-17, University of Toronto had the largest number of residents completing a CAC at 19 followed by University of Western Ontario (17) and University of British Columbia (16).