Research in primary care most often incorporates two fundamental strategies:

- Improving how our health care is rendered, i.e., health care services research and health policy development.
- Improving quality of care and outcomes by studying in the practice setting, through practice-based research networks.

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"I believe that there are 3 components to a successful MSA: a great mentor, a research network, and funding. The Department of Family Medicine program provides them all. I had an excellent experience."
Brittany Folks, MSII

"Working with the department of family medicine has been wonderful. They can help you get involved with an already established project. This is great for multiple reasons: you can accomplish more because there is a team already set up; you may be able to get funding for your time spent working and for travel to present your research project."
Laura Sturgess, MSIII
Why Department of Family Medicine MSA?

Research through Practice-Based Research Networks...

Gain new insight into the ambulatory care setting...

Find out what takes place where most people get their care...

Find out how to improve care at the level of the clinical setting...

Understand your patients...

Ask and answer important questions...

Contribute to evidence-based research in your clinical setting...

Publish your research...

Fulfill your School of Medicine MSA Requirement...

MSA Opportunities...

Practice-Based Research networks:

- High Plains Research Network (HPRN): Providing excellent rural health care
- Colorado Research Network (CaReNet): Improving health care of disadvantaged populations
- Building Investigative Practices for Better Health Outcomes (BIGHORN): Enhancing the quality, safety, efficiency, and accessibility of health care
- These networks emphasize patient safety, practice redesign and practice behavior change

Effectiveness and Outcomes Research:

- Colorado Health Outcomes Program: Conduct and evaluate interventions which improve population health and the overall quality of care
- Comparing costs and effectiveness associated with pharmaceuticals & devices

Healthcare Informatics:

- Research health informatics exchange
- Research innovative uses for electronic health records to advance primary care capabilities, and for the collection of data for both research and surveillance, Distributed Network for Ambulatory Research in Therapeutics (DARTNet)

Health Policy:

- Public Health
- Community research
- Health Behavior counseling costs and reimbursement

Family Physicians Inquiries Network: http://www.fpin.org

- Help develop resources unique to the needs of family physicians
- Co-author a PEPID answer through a critical appraisal of literature