



# Primary Care Shortage...

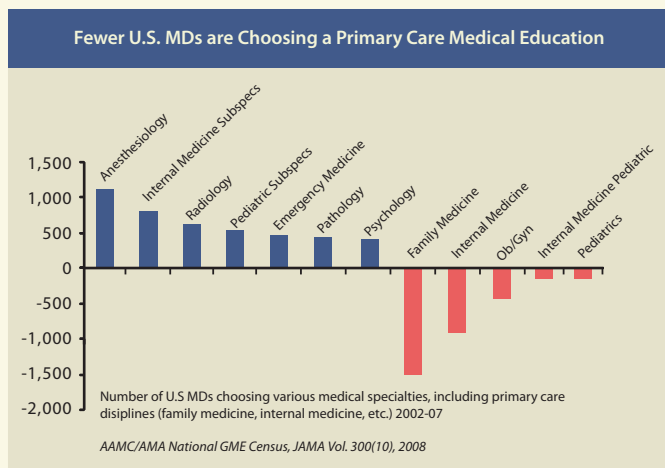
TTUHSC has the primary solution.



### The Shortage:

- Since 1997, U.S. medical school graduate matches in family medicine and general internal medicine programs have fallen by nearly 50 percent.
- Despite the disproportionate growth of subspecialties, U.S. primary care physicians still provide much of the care to patients for most conditions.
- The results of a 2006 American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Workforce Study found that, in order for all in America to achieve adequate access to a primary care physician, 139,531 family physicians will be needed by the year 2020.
- The results of the 2006 AAFP Workforce Study reported that the nation would need approximately 39,000 more family physicians by 2020 in order for all Americans to achieve access to a primary care physician.

Source: *The American Academy of Family Physicians*,  
<http://www.aafp.org/>



### The Solution: TTUHSC's Family Medicine Accelerated Track (FMAT)

- The program is the first of its kind in the nation and has been approved by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).
- The program is an accelerated three-year curriculum that leads to the Doctor of Medicine degree followed by a standard three-year family medicine residency program completed at TTUHSC Family Medicine departments in Amarillo, Lubbock and the Permian Basin.
- Students will be chosen based on academic qualifications allied to a clear interest in primary care. Students entering family medicine residency programs at TTUHSC will also be offered fellowships in geriatrics, women's health or other areas upon completion of their residency.
- The track will be open to 10 students per year, selected as part of the admissions process, or before the end of the first semester of medical school.
- The FMAT students will receive a scholarship provided by the School of Medicine for their first year.

### The Significance:

- Ultimately, FMAT students will complete their training one year earlier than students in the standard curriculum, and due to financial commitments from the School of Medicine, with approximately half of the debt.
- Through innovative training and educational opportunities like FMAT, TTUHSC is committed to solving the shortage of primary care physicians.

