

Medical-Legal Partnership as a Tool to Teach and Address Social Determinants

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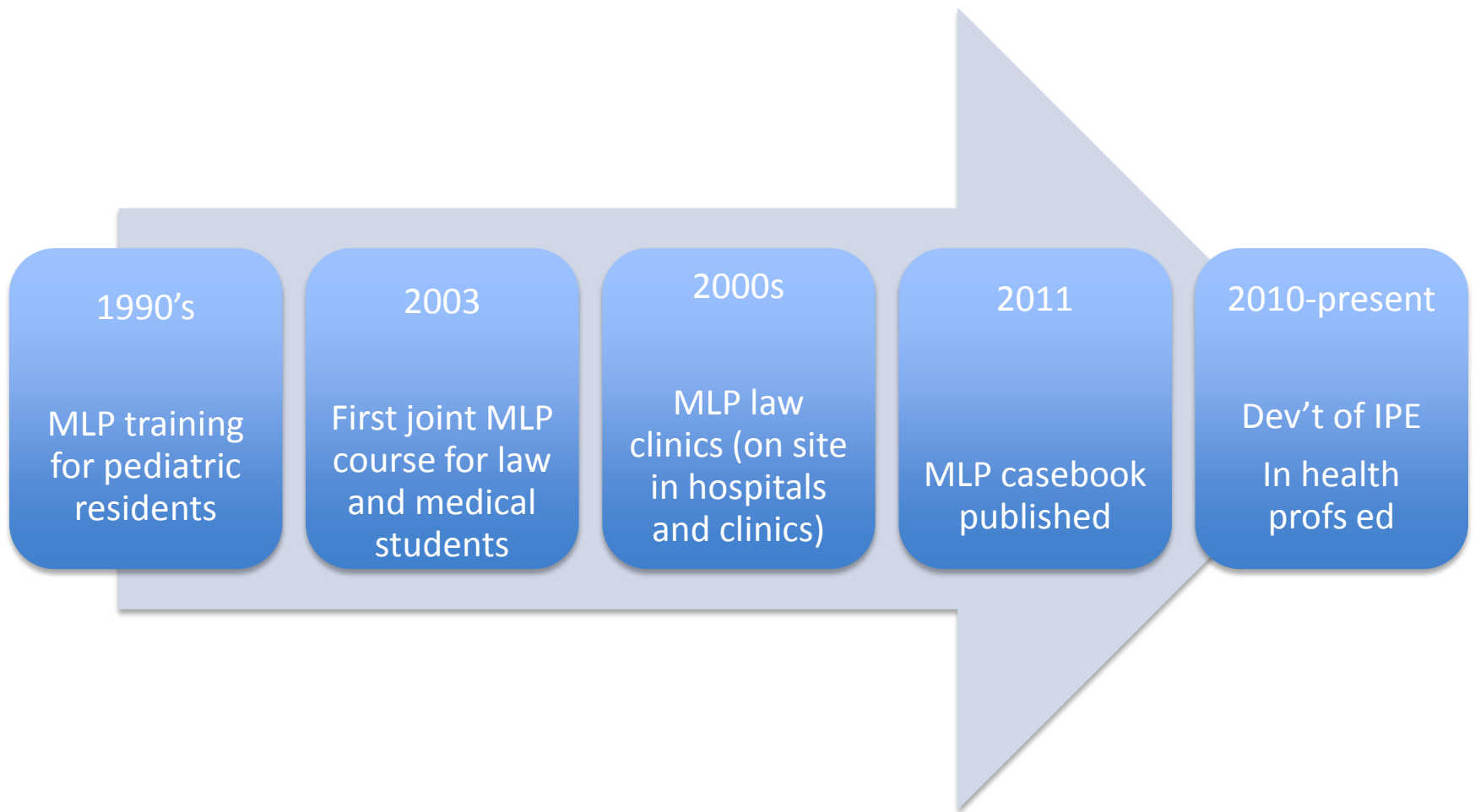


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Presentation Roadmap

1. Joel: Overview of MLP, NCMLP, & Civil Legal Aid
2. Liz: National Perspective on MLP Education
3. Melissa: Innovative MLP Training to Improve Pediatric Residents' Assessment of Social Risks
4. Natalie: Operating a High-Functioning MLP

MLP Education Milestones



Value of MLP Education

Teaches Students to:

- *Identify* the social, economic and environmental determinants of health
- *Understand* the role of law and policy in shaping & addressing those determinants
- *Develop* skills in systems-thinking and policy advocacy strategies
- *Practice* hands-on interprofessional team-based problem-solving strategies for patients and populations (focused on SDOH)

Trends in Medical Education and MLP

Medical Education	MLP Education
Health disparities and health equity	Vulnerable populations focus
Social, economic, environmental, determinants of health	Screening for addressing legal needs as part of SDOH
Patient-centered care	Part of PCMH
Improving patient care quality & reducing costs	Institutional change with prevention focus
Integration of clinical care and population health	Detects community-level determinants of disease in clinic
Interprofessional, team-based learning & practice	Lawyers integrated as members of the healthcare team
Advocacy & policy change	Upstream “Patient to Policy”

MLP in Undergraduate & Graduate Medical Education

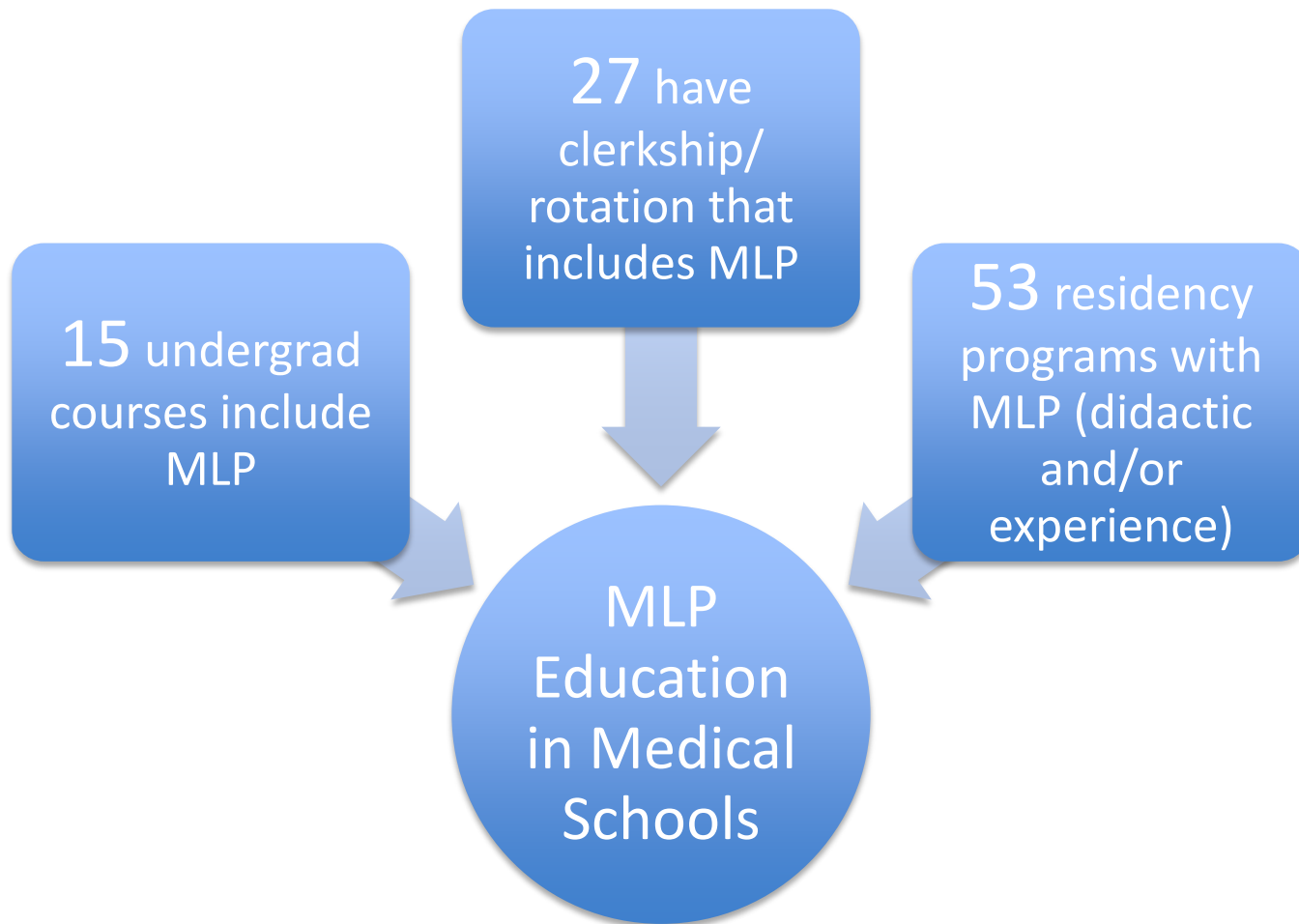
Undergraduate

- Preclinical curriculum (often joint with law, social work, nursing students)
- Rotations/clerkships at clinics with MLPs

Graduate

- Didactics:
 - Residency program curriculum
 - Noon conferences
 - Grand Rounds
- Practice in screening for SDH/unmet legal needs & working with MLP legal partners

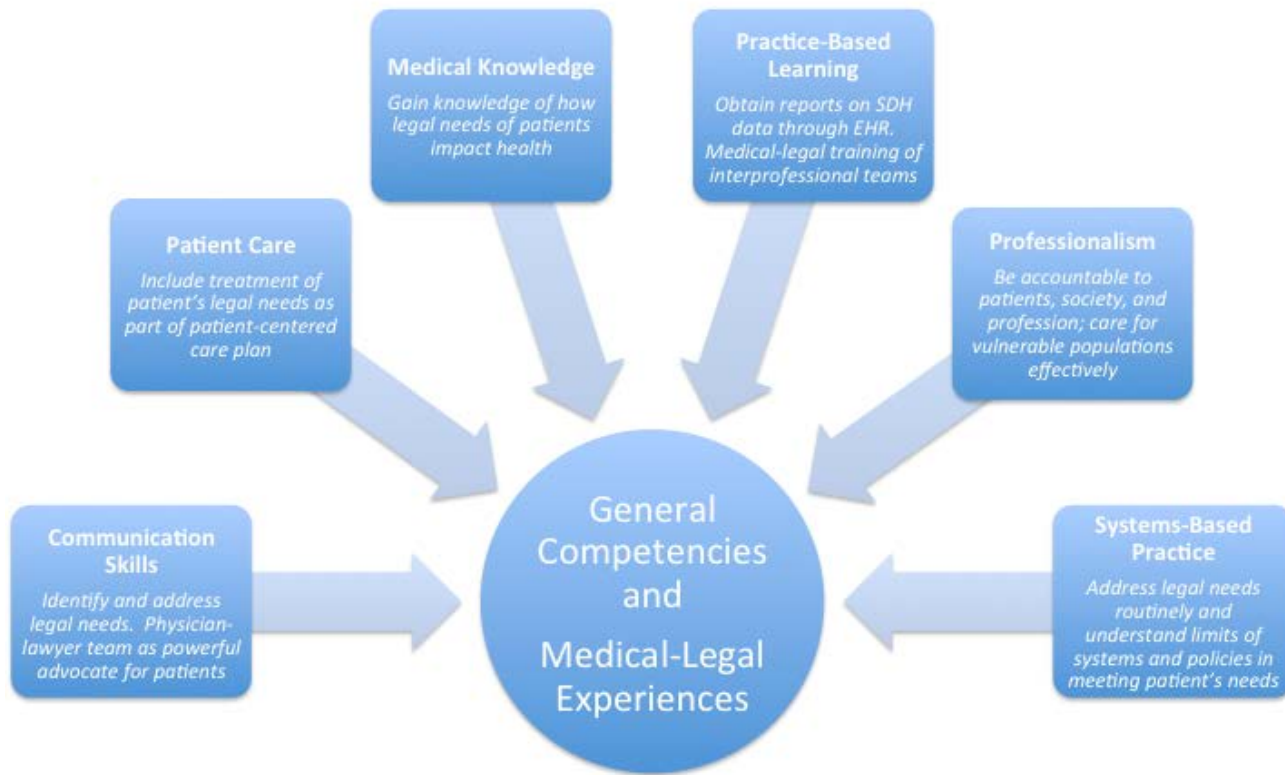
2016 MLP Site Survey: Medical Education



Residency Programs with MLP

- Internal Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Pediatrics
- Geriatrics
- OB-GYN
- Psychiatry
- Oncology
- Endocrinology
- Palliative care
- Pulmonology

Residency Competencies & MLP



Brown Undergraduate & Graduate MLP Curriculum

Undergraduate

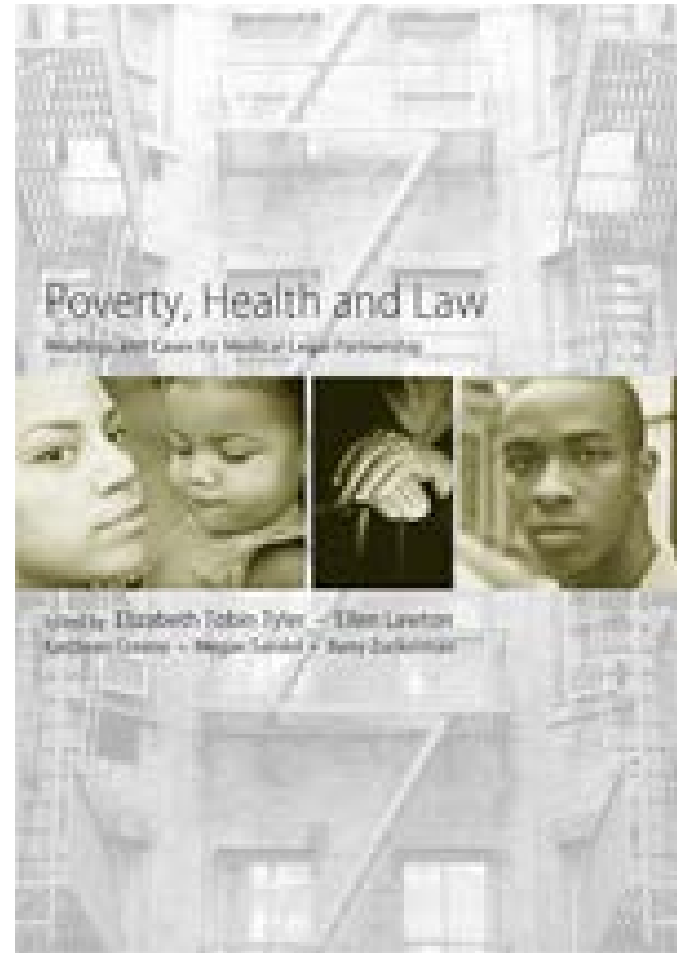
- Preclinical elective:
Poverty, Health and Law
(with law, SW, nursing &
PH students)
- Rotation site for
community rotation

Family Medicine Residency

- Legal needs assessment
& pre and post
knowledge assessments
- Didactics across three
years
- All residents get on-site
experience with MLP
lawyer

MLP Casebook

- *Poverty, Health and Law* textbook (2011): the intersection of health and unmet legal needs
- Accessible to medical, law, nursing, social work & public health students
- Interprofessional team-based case studies
- “Patients to Policy” examples



2016 Site Survey: MLP in Legal Education

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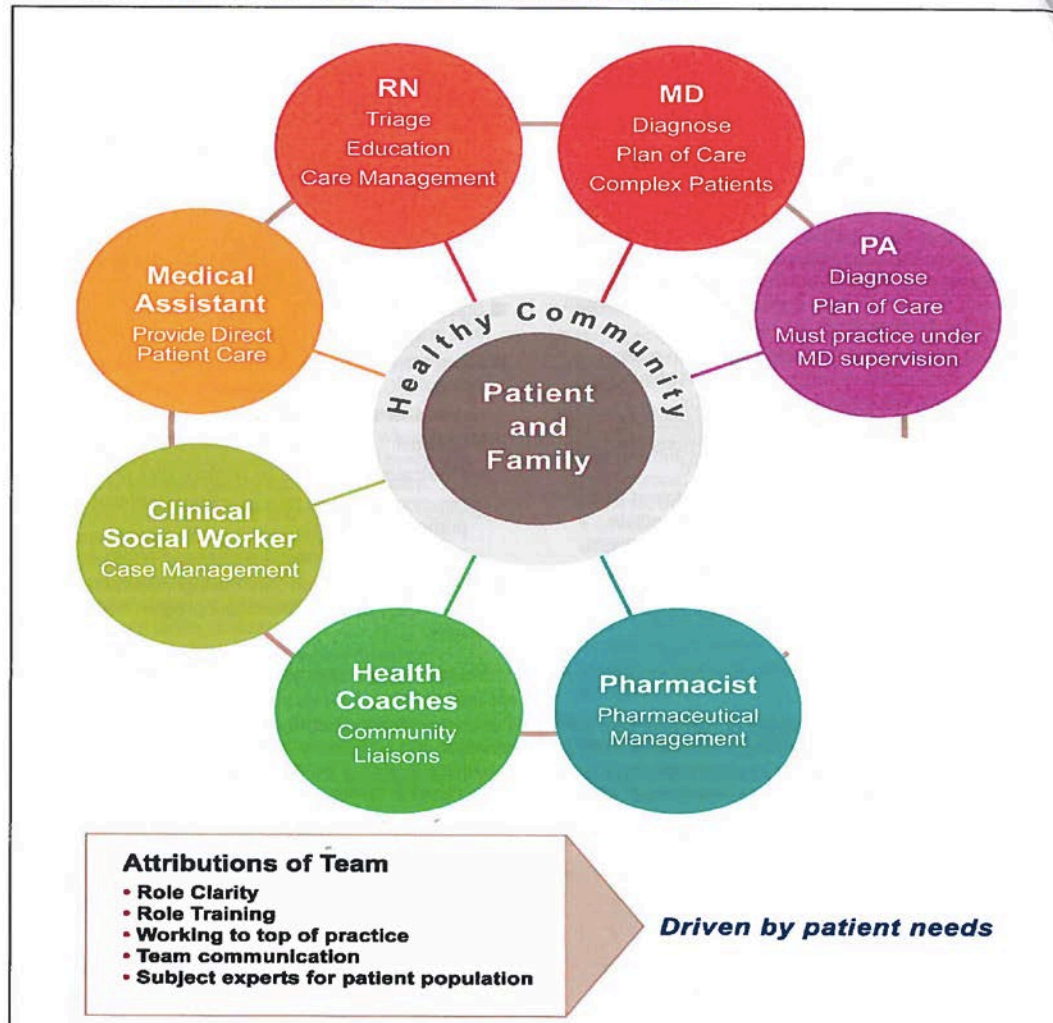
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MLP and IPE: Who is on the team?

Accountability-Based Primary Care Workforce Model



Opportunities for MLP as part of IPE

- SDOH focus
- Solutions-oriented; not just descriptive
- Patient-centered, but also focused on upstream systems-change
- Demonstrates effective team: everyone works at top of profession
- Links patient to population & policy

Further Reading:

MLP in Medical Education

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