

CONNECTING SENTINEL HABITS WITH CFPC & CANMEDS OBJECTIVES

Sentinel Habits

We use Sentinel Habits to direct attention to the higher order skills, approaches, and attitudes essential to being a competent family physician. The Sentinel Habits are phrased in everyday language, yet map to the College of Family Physicians Essential Skill Dimensions of Family Medicine, and to the CanMEDS-FM roles.

Sentinel Habits	Skills Dimension(s)	CanMEDS Roles
Incorporates the patient’s experience and context into problem identification and management	The Patient Centred Approach	Family Medicine Expert Health Advocate
Generates relevant hypotheses resulting in a safe and prioritized differential diagnosis	Clinical Reasoning Skills Selectivity	Family Medicine Expert
Manages patients using available best practices	Clinical Reasoning Skills Selectivity	Family Medicine Expert
Selects and attends to the appropriate focus and priority in a situation	Selectivity	Family Medicine Expert
Uses generic key features when performing a procedure (such as knowing indications and contraindications., etc.)	Procedure Skills	Family Medicine Expert
Demonstrates respect and/or responsibility to patients, colleagues and staff	Professionalism	Professional Health Advocate
Verbal or written communication is clear and timely	Communication Skills	Communicator
Seeks and responds appropriately to guidance and feedback	All Skill Dimensions	All Role

Source: [University of Alberta - Department of Family Practice: Postgraduate Assessment Objectives](#)