The University of Minnesota Medical School has long-standing, thriving relationships with its clinical affiliates. These affiliations expose students to diverse patient populations and a variety of health conditions. As a result, medical students graduate with a broad and intensive clinical training that ensures their professional success beyond medical school.

Many Medical School graduates will do their residency training in Minnesota. Access to our broad affiliations offers our medical students with essential networking opportunities and a deep understanding of the healthcare system in Minnesota.

HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Veteran’s Administration (VA) Health System - 75 years (second-longest medical school-VA affiliation in the country)
- Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) - 100+ years
- HealthPartners - 60+ years
- Essentia Health - Nearly 50 years - Essentia Health has been the primary health partner in Duluth since the Duluth campus was founded and was a primary driver for the initial establishment of the Duluth campus.
- Rural Physician Associate Program (RPAP) - This first Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LIC) was designed and implemented at the Medical School in 1971 as a workforce initiative for rural Minnesota. Some sites have hosted students for several decades. Many primary preceptors at these sites are RPAP graduates.

LONGITUDINAL INTEGRATED CLERKSHIP (LIC)
The Medical School has six LIC experiences available for third-year medical students, which would not be possible without strong relationships with affiliate sites. Three of these LICs have been developed at our major affiliates in the last five years.

- Rural Physician Associate Program (RPAP)
- Metropolitan Physician Associate Program (MetroPAP)
- Education in Pediatrics Across the Continuum (EPAC)
- Veterans Affairs Longitudinal Undergraduate Medical Education (VALUE)
- Hennepin Longitudinal Integrated eXperience (HeLIX)
- Regions Equitable Affordable Community Health Program (REACH)

M HEALTH FAIRVIEW JOINT CLINICAL ENTERPRISE
The Medical School’s clinical mission has been greatly strengthened by the recently renegotiated relationship with its primary healthcare partner, Fairview Health Services. These efforts resulted in the creation of M Health Fairview. The goal of the new relationship is to have synergistic effects across both organizations. Consequently, the Medical School has seen a significant infusion of capital to encourage innovation in education, clinical services delivery and research through the M Health Academic Investment Program. Already, $15 million has funded five clinical quality, six education and five research projects across the Medical School missions.

Map of clinical sites: