# National Research Strategy for Family Medicine: 2024-2030

## VISION

*Family Medicine research is patient, family, and community centered and improves health by enhancing health promotion, improving care for chronic diseases and advancing healthcare delivery, while including cross-cutting themes of health equity, technology, and team science*

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

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Notes for Implementation Plan

Communication

**Goal:** Ensure stakeholders are knowledgeable and regularly updated about implementation of the family medicine research strategy

**Potential Action Steps:**
- Develop a comprehensive communication plan that articulates the family medicine research strategy and includes timely, relevant and targeted updates to stakeholders through multiple channels (email, newsletters, dashboards, etc.)
- Utilize partnering organizations to widely disseminate information and updates regarding the family medicine research strategy
- FMLC organizations adopt and integrate the strategic plan into their work

**Action Steps**

C2: Utilize a repository of clinical data to answer key questions in primary care
   Action Step: Consider including AI and translation to action