

One Specialty, Endless Pathways: Careers in Family Medicine

A career
path is not
always a
straight line

Family Medicine
is a dynamic
specialty with
many career
options!



Let's get
started!

Clinical Practice

▶ Practice setting:

- ▶ Outpatient (single or multi- specialty)
 - ▶ Private practice – fee for service, Value Based Care, Direct Primary Care
 - ▶ Veterans Affairs
 - ▶ Corporate/ Hospital system

▶ Inpatient (ER/ Hospitalist/ OB)

▶ Location:

- ▶ Rural
- ▶ Urban/ Underserved
- ▶ Suburban
- ▶ Mobile/ Home visits
- ▶ Nursing home/ hospice
- ▶ Virtual

Academic

- ▶ Academic (Medical School or Residency)
 - ▶ Faculty Role – Full time, Part time, Community appointed
 - ▶ Mix of clinical, teaching, and research
 - ▶ Administrative/ Leadership Roles
 - ▶ Division Chief
 - ▶ Chair; Vice- Chair
 - ▶ Dean; Associate Dean
 - ▶ Program Director; Associate Program director

Community Health

- ▶ Community Health Office
- ▶ County Health Official
- ▶ Indian Health Services
- ▶ Public Health Services - MPH
 - ▶ State Commissioner of Health
 - ▶ Leads Department of State Health Services

Locum Tenens

- ▶ Short term employment within different practice settings (outpatient, inpatient, ER, hospitalist, LTAC)
 - ▶ Exposure to different practice types
 - ▶ Exposure to different locations (travel costs covered)
 - ▶ Flexible schedule
 - ▶ Stepping stone full-time employment
 - ▶ Great for transitions in early, mid, or late-career

International/ Travel opportunities

- ▶ World Health Opportunities
- ▶ Medical Missions
- ▶ Peace Corps
- ▶ Military

Telemedicine

- ▶ All patient encounters are virtual
 - ▶ Urgent care
 - ▶ Weight management
 - ▶ Hormone management
 - ▶ Tele-psychiatry
 - ▶ May be supervising multiple non-physician practitioners
- ▶ One state vs. Multiple states vs. Internationally
- ▶ Salaried vs. Contracted
- ▶ Flexible hours

Hospital System Administration

- ▶ Administrative appointments
 - ▶ Chief Medical Officer
 - ▶ Medical Director
- ▶ Insurance company: Utilization Management
 - ▶ Insurance utilization review
- ▶ American Academy of Physician Leaders (AAPL), MBA
 - ▶ President/ Vice President/ CEO

Nursing Home/ Hospice

- ▶ Medical Director
 - ▶ Not full time; annual salary
 - ▶ Hold regular staff/ operations meetings
 - ▶ Responsible for medical Care oversight at NH
 - ▶ Patient care optional

Research

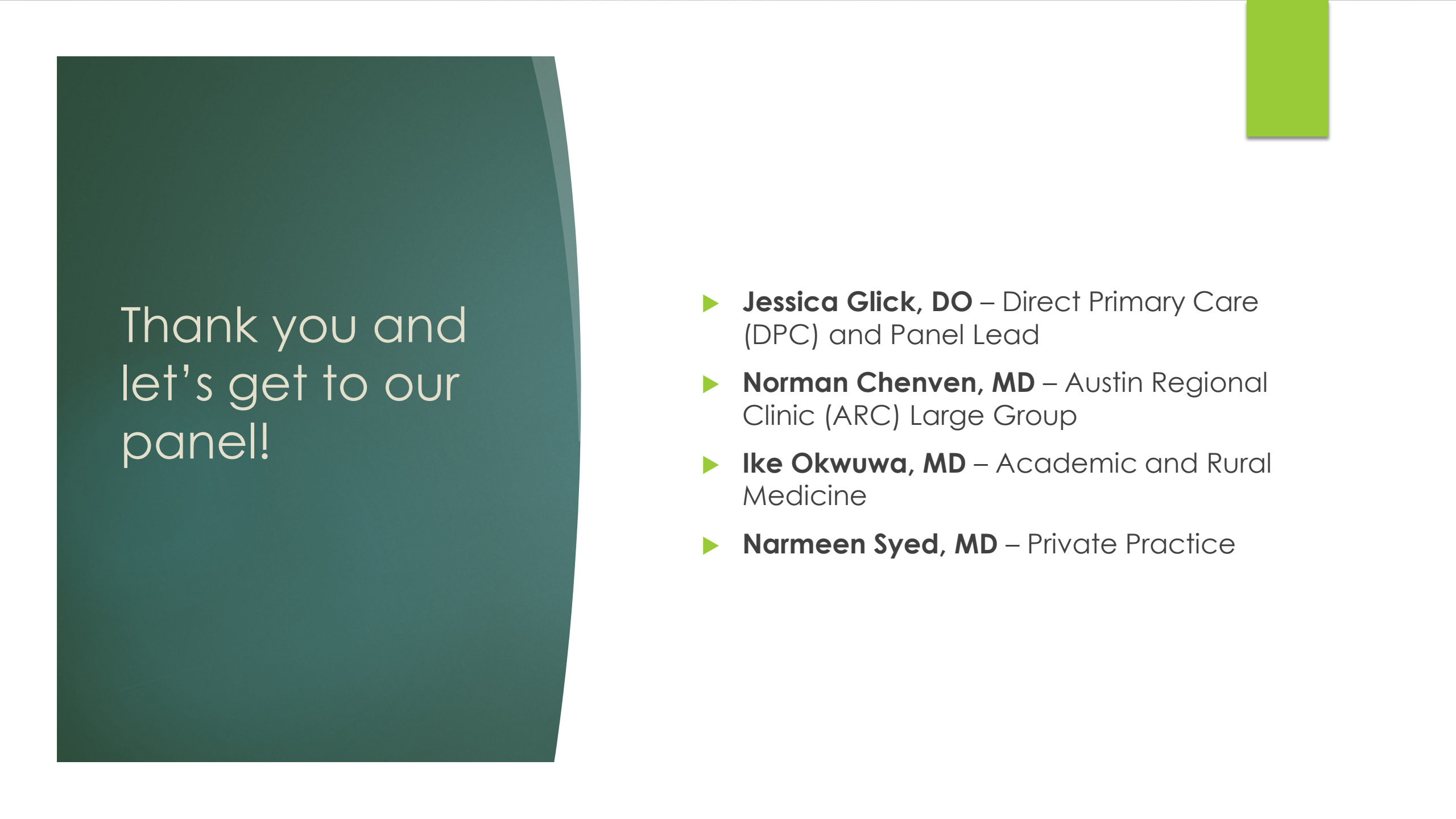
- ▶ Clinical/ Public Health research (ie. CDC, NIH)
 - ▶ PhD, MPH
- ▶ Academic institutions
- ▶ Robert Graham Center
 - ▶ Independent research unit affiliated with AAFP

Organized Medicine/ Medical organizations

- ▶ Full time and contract work/ stipends
 - ▶ AAFP
 - ▶ ABFM
 - ▶ AMA
 - ▶ TMB

Non-Clinical Positions

- ▶ Expert Witness
- ▶ Private corporation medical advisors
- ▶ Medical expert on television or TV shows
- ▶ CME Faculty/ Keynote speakers at medical conferences
- ▶ Pharmaceutical speaker/ medical liaison
- ▶ Author
- ▶ Physician coach
- ▶ Social Media influencer
- ▶ Government representative
- ▶ Entrepreneur



Thank you and
let's get to our
panel!

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