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Content	<p>Jamaica's, and indeed the region's, strength in Primary Health Care is rooted in the origins of the Pan American Health Organisation's (PAHO), successful vaccination programs effectively eliminating infectious diseases such as smallpox and polio, the Community Health Aides (Workers) program developed by Sir Kenneth Standard, and Dr. Christine Moody's seminal work: "Primary Health Care The Jamaican Perspective" which was presented at the Alma Ata Conference of 1978. Therefore, it is no surprise that the region's oldest and most prestigious medical school, The University of the West Indies (UWI) Mona Campus, Faculty of Medical Sciences (FMS) boasts as one of its strengths a strong focus on Primary Health Care.</p> <p>The Longitudinal Integrated Community Health program is at the center of a medical school curriculum designed around primary health care. Spread over the three clinical years, each year has a particular focus. The Third Year Community Health and Psychiatry rotation focuses on general practice and community mental health. The Fourth Year Junior Community Health rotation sees students embedded in rural underserved Jamaica engaged in community-based research while attending to the community's health needs in the outpatient setting. In the Fifth (Final) Year Senior Community Health capstone rotation, students are deployed across the urban underserved capital city providing a mixture of primary care services in NCD and infectious disease treatment and management in addition to pediatric, obstetric, and psychiatric care.</p> <p>Thus, the distinctive UWI graduate is at heart a primary care physician first and foremost, be they a General Practitioner or Neurosurgeon.</p>