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The recent Annual Meetings of the North American Primary Care Research Group held in Vancouver, BC, were a great success. Of interest to OPTI-West researchers and faculty members was a great website developed by the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM). This is a free online toolset meant primarily for family physicians, but certainly of use by faculty in other specialties. It is called the "Family Medicine Digital Resource Library (FMDRL). The web address is [www.fmdrl.org](http://www.fmdrl.org).

If you log on, here's what you will find:

- Resources to share (things people do well that they post for the use of fellow medical educators)
  - Conference materials (from STFM and other meetings)
- Peer review resources (if you permit peer review of your material you can list it as a publication citing [www.fmdrl.org](http://www.fmdrl.org) as the publication carrier)
  - ACGME Competencies Resources
- .xml brings in whatever content you want as news feeds; works well with Google, Yahoo, and AOL search engines
  - Materials searchable by "learner types"

Here is how to utilize the site:

- Go to <http://www.fmdrl.org>
- Log in; create an account (free, but you do have to register as a user)
- Browse your way through the materials

This site contains a huge number of downloads, especially curriculum materials. It contains very good ideas for faculty members wanting ideas for competencies-based evaluation and assessment.

Happy browsing!!