The Family Medicine Residency Experience

As a Family Medicine resident at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown, you will become part of the proud tradition of Georgia’s oldest and largest Family Medicine Residency Program. Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown is a 583-bed tertiary care hospital serving west central Georgia. When established in 1972, the Family Medicine program became the first in Georgia and one of the first in the southeastern United States.

Today, the Family Medicine Residency is a fully accredited, three-year program that emphasizes development of clinical responsibility in a strong academic setting. The required rotations and the broad range of electives provides the breadth and depth of training required for a variety of practice settings and for board certification by the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) and/or the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians (AOBFP). The residency program is currently dually certified by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and will be transitioning to continued ACGME accreditation with Osteopathic Recognition.

Because this is the only physician residency program at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown, the directors of all major services and the attending faculty in all departments are committed to the graduate medical education of family physicians. Residents enjoy the support of all major medical specialties, providing patient care of the highest skill and sophistication. The Family Medicine Center is an NCQA Level III Patient Centered Medical Home. Our graduates enjoy diversified practice settings in clinical family medicine, academic family medicine, hospital medicine, emergency medicine and urgent care. The residency has an outstanding placement rate for fellowship training.

The Curriculum

FIRST YEAR / PGY-I / FAMILY MEDICINE

Your first year of Family Medicine residency is focused on hospital training. As a first-year resident, you rotate through the various clinical services, learning the fundamentals of inpatient management and gaining an abundance of procedural experience. Outpatient experience during the first year includes care of patients in the Family Medicine Center, as well as exposure to the assorted specialty clinics when on specialty services. Our academic year is structured around the assorted specialty clinics when on specialty services, learning the fundamentals of inpatient management and gaining an abundance of procedural experience. Outpatient experience during the first year includes care of patients in the Family Medicine Center, as well as exposure to the assorted specialty clinics when on specialty services. Our academic year is structured around the following four-week rotations totaling 52 weeks in the academic year.

FIRST YEAR ROTATIONS:
- Family Medicine Inpatient: 4 weeks
- Internal Medicine: 8 weeks
- Pediatrics: 8 weeks
- Surgery: 6 weeks
- OB/GYN: 12 weeks
- Elective: 4 weeks
- Neonatal Intensive Care: 2 weeks
- Family Medicine Center: 4 weeks
- Orthopedics: 4 weeks

Clinical Affiliations

In addition to the Family Medicine Residency, Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown serves as a primary training site for medical students and students in the fields of nursing, medical technology, respiratory therapy, pharmacy and radiology technology through clinical affiliations with:

Mercer University School of Medicine
Columbus State University
Augusta University – Medical College of Georgia
Chattahoochee Valley Community College
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Auburn University
Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine
Troy State University
Nova Southeastern University COM
South University – Savannah
Emory University School of Medicine

Second Year / PGY-II

During the second year, you will spend more time in ambulatory medicine while supervising interns in their daily in-hospital activities. You will spend three half-days each week in the Family Medicine Center.

SECOND YEAR ROTATIONS:
- Internal Medicine: 12 weeks
- Emergency Medicine: 4 weeks
- Surgery: 4 weeks
- Pediatrics: 6 weeks
- Behavioral Medicine: 4 weeks
- Intensive Care Unit: 8 weeks
- OB/GYN: 12 weeks
- Geriatrics: 2 weeks

THIRD YEAR / PGY-III

Your third year is spent refining experiences from the preceding two years. More time is spent in the Family Medicine Center caring for families on your panel with three to four half-days each week in the Family Medicine Center.

THIRD YEAR ROTATIONS:
- Family Medicine Inpatient: 4 weeks
- Urology/Ophthalmology: 4 weeks
- Sports Medicine: 4 weeks
- Electives: 12 weeks
- Family Medicine Center: 10 weeks
- Community Medicine: 2 weeks
- Night Float: 4 weeks
- Gynecology: 4 weeks
- Dermatology/ENT: 4 weeks
- Pediatrics: 4 weeks

Benefits

SALARY
- PGY-1: $51,000
- PGY-2: $52,000
- PGY-3: $53,000

SEMINARS

Tuition, travel expenses and per diem are paid under Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown’s policies up to $1,500.
Our graduates are committed to the graduate medical education of our attending faculty in all departments. Because this is the only physician residency program in the southeastern United States, you will become one of the first in the region.

Today, the Family Medicine Residency is a fully accredited program, having received the highest level of recognition from the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and will be transitioning to continued ACGME accreditation. We strive to make our program a model for all ACGME-accredited programs. Our graduates can Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) and/or the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians and/or other relevant boards for generalist practice and subspecialties.

As a Family Medicine resident at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown, you will become a fully trained, board-certified family physician and member of the attending faculty in Family Medicine. You will also become a contributing member of the hospital’s interdisciplinary team, which includes physicians from all major medical specialties, providing patient care in a variety of settings and for board certification by the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM), the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM), and the American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM).

We offer a variety of electives that provide the breadth and depth of training required for a variety of practice settings and levels of responsibility. Your first year of Family Medicine residency is spent in the Family Medicine Center, gaining an abundance of experience in ambulatory medicine while supervising interns. Your second year is spent refining experiences from the preceding two years. More time is spent in the Family Medicine Center caring for families on your panel with three to four half-days each week in the Family Medicine Center. Your third year is spent refining experiences from the preceding two years. More time is spent in the Family Medicine Center caring for families on your panel with three to four half-days each week in the Family Medicine Center.

You want a stellar career with exciting challenges and opportunities. Yet, you recognize that there’s life outside your office walls. It’s a hard combination to find, unless of course, you know exactly where to look. In this case, you’ll find it in Columbus - Georgia’s third largest city.

We are Piedmont Columbus Regional, helping you strike the right work and life balance. Here, you’ll find fulfilling work. At the same time, with major attractions, such as Callaway Gardens, Roosevelt’s Little White House, the historic Springer Opera House, the National Infantry Museum, Urban Whitewater Rafting and a host of other cultural activities, you’ll find a vibrant cultural life. What’s more, with Synovus Financial, TSYS, and AFLAC Insurance all headquartered in Columbus with nearby Fort Benning, a major army post, you’ll also find a local economy that’s in the peak of health.

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