



# Family Medicine Residency Program

**Piedmont Columbus Regional**  
**710 Center Street**  
**Columbus, Georgia 31901**

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## 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.

## 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**

## 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 13 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

### 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.

### RELOCATION EXPENSES

Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown pays up to \$1,000 for reimbursable relocation expenses for resident physicians and their families as they relocate to the Columbus area.

### MALPRACTICE INSURANCE

Full malpractice insurance, including "tail coverage" for the resident physician, is paid by Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown.

### RELOCATION BENEFIT

Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown will provide each resident physician access to an on-campus workout facility.

### CALL ROOMS

Our recently renovated call quarters at the hospital offer privacy, as well as time together with family.

### VACATION

Piedmont Columbus Regional recognizes the importance of providing employees with paid time off.

Residents enjoy 26 days of vacation with up to five additional days for an approved Continuing Medical Education seminar.

## Faculty

### John R. Bucholtz, D.O.

Program Director,  
Family Medicine Residency Program

### Vibhuti Ansar, M.D.

Associate Director

### Janine Burgher-Jones, M.D.

Director of Undergraduate Training  
Associate Director

### Gregory Foster, M.D.

Director of Geriatrics  
Associate Director  
CAQ Geriatrics

### Geetanjali Kumar, M.D.

Associate Director

### Jennifer Roberts-Woodbury, D.O.

Associate Director  
CAQ Geriatrics

### Jagdish Shukla, M.D.

Associate Director  
Medical Director, Family Medicine Center  
Research Director

### Larry Crane, MSHA, MBA

GME Program Administrator

### Albert Eaton, Ph.D., Psychology

Director of Behavioral Science

### Mary Alice "M.A." Dowdell

Residency Coordinator

### David Levine, M.D.

Director of Neonatology

### Karla Owen, D.O.

Associate Director

### Rebecca Reamy, M.D.

Chief of Pediatrics

### Kendall Handy, M.D.

Chief of Obstetrics & Gynecology

### Jefferson Jones, II, M.D.

Associate Chief of Obstetrics & Gynecology

### Vincent Nicolais, M.D.

Chief of Internal Medicine

### R. Scott Hannay, M.D.

Surgery/SICU

### Darius K. Brown D.O.

Emergency Department Medical Director

### Siraj F. Abdullah, D.O.

Sports Medicine

### R. Clark Gillett, Jr., M.D.



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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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