



Welcome from the Chief Residents!

Thank you for your interest in the Piedmont Columbus Regional Family Medicine Program! We are a 3-year program accepting 12 residents a year and are proud of our long history of training excellent physician-leaders who then go on to practice a wide variety of disciplines within family medicine. Our graduates have done everything from traditional outpatient practice to hospitalist medicine, hospice medicine, sports medicine, geriatrics, ED, and obstetrics.

We are located in Columbus, Georgia, which despite being one of the largest cities in Georgia, still manages to hold onto its small-town feel. The artist, outdoor enthusiast, foodie, musician, and shopaholic can all find ample things to do here and in our surrounding communities. If you want to get away though, heading up to Atlanta or down to Panama City Beach are destinations that are only a few hours away.

While training here, you will have the opportunity to work with our excellent faculty in family medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics, general surgery, and many sub-specialties. Your first year will primarily involve inpatient rotations through our medicine services, OB/GYN, pediatrics, and trauma services. Your second year allows you to then lead the team of interns and medical students on inpatient rotations while expanding your outpatient skills. Your third year is primarily outpatient with the opportunity for multiple elective rotations, including cardiology, otolaryngology, endocrinology, infectious disease, public health, and many more. The training is rigorous, but when you graduate, you will be amply prepared for whichever avenue of family medicine you decide to take in your career.

Our residents come from many different walks of life and we greatly enjoy building friendships both within each class and in the group as a whole. Residency is hard, but it is so much sweeter when you have a newfound family to share the load with, and we have a lot of fun hanging out with each other at restaurants, bowling alleys, our yearly beach retreat, local concerts, and even weddings and baby showers!

Thank you for taking the time to get to know us and our program. Please reach out to us with any questions. We hope to meet you soon!

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