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Piedmont Columbus Regional Family Medicine Residency Program COD Report

The Family Medicine Residency Program at Piedmont Columbus Regional in Columbus, Georgia respectfully submits its 2017-2018 Annual Report to the GAFFP Congress of Delegates.

The Family Medicine Residency Program at Piedmont Midtown has a long and distinguished history of providing physician Graduate Medical Education and patient care to the Columbus area. The three-year Family Medicine residency program was established in 1972. Prior to that date, primary care physicians were trained as general practitioners with a two-year residency after medical school. As of March, 2018, we joined the Piedmont family and now are known as Piedmont Columbus Regional. Over the past seventy years Piedmont Midtown Medical Center has been instrumental in supplying general practitioners and family physicians who served the needs of Georgia and particularly the Columbus area. In our immediate area, there are approximately ninety physicians who practice within a thirty-mile radius of Columbus who can claim all or part of their training at Piedmont Midtown Medical Center.

An important part of our Medical Education mission is providing quality medical care to the underserved. The teaching services enable Piedmont Columbus Regional to serve as a patient resource and referral center for citizens of Georgia and east Alabama. Residents provide care at the Columbus Health Department clinics and routinely assist on Piedmont Columbus Regional's outreach medical van. During the last year, our teaching program saw over 35,000 outpatient visits in the Family Medicine Center, delivered hundreds of infants and cared for thousands of hospital admissions. With training in Advanced Cardiac and Trauma Life Support, residents help provide 24/7 care to patients referred to Piedmont Columbus Regional's Intensive Care Units and Level II Trauma program.

The Family Medicine residency continues with full accreditation from the American Osteopathic Association for the three-year osteopathic Family Medicine program. Our Family Medicine Residency Program also received a full 10 year accreditation cycle under the Next Accreditation System of the ACGME. We will be seeking Osteopathic Recognition as the AOA and ACGME merge accreditation standards over the next few years.

Through the generous sponsorship from GAFFP, our residency's Family Medicine Center participated in the GAFFP sponsored PCMH University to obtain Level 3 designation as an NCQA patient centered medical home (PCMH). Our residency is grateful for GAFFP's support and is engineering our curriculum to maintain NCQA certification. Three years has gone by quickly and we recently passed our recertification process with flying colors. Our center was the first in our network to achieve PCMH Level 3 designation.

In 2012 we became an official satellite campus for Mercer University School of Medicine as a branch campus. We are currently in our seventh year of this successful project. Midtown Medical Center and St. Francis Hospital continue a successful collaboration to provide clinical experiences for 20 MS3 and 20 MS4 students. In addition to Mercer, our clinical faculty holds medical school appointments and train students from the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, Nova Southeastern University and Georgia-PCOM. We entered an affiliation agreement to provide rotations for students of the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine at Auburn University (War Eagle!). While resident training is the primary mission of the Medical Education Department, there is extensive cooperation with Three Rivers AHEC in the training of physician assistants, nurse practitioners and other allied health providers.

We are excited to have been named one of Georgia’s five Memory Assessment Centers (MAC) under a research grant managed by Emory. Our Family Medicine Center’s involvement as a MAC will increase our ability to provide sophisticated dementia screening for our patients and the public. The project focuses on a multidisciplinary approach and involves the local Alzheimer’s Association and Agency on Aging. We are fortunate to have two certified geriatricians on our faculty leading this effort, Greg Foster, MD and Jennifer Roberts-Woodbury, DO.

In March 2018, John R. Bucholtz, DO, program director, was named the 2018 Nikitas Zervanos MD, national outstanding program director. He was nominated for the award by the GAFFP.

An important mission of our training program is to supply physicians to meet the needs of Georgia citizens. The following physicians graduated in June 2018 and are listed with their practice location:

2018 Family Medicine Graduates
Piedmont Columbus Regional
The Medical Center
Columbus, Georgia

Name	Practice Type	Practice Location
Promise Chidi, M.D.	Hospitalist	Columbus, GA
Shahzad Chaudhry, M.D.	Hospitalist	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Adeel Choudhary, M.D.	Hospitalist Fellowship	Columbus, Ohio
Robert Fung, D.O.	Geriatric Fellowship	Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Sadaf Khan, M.D.	Geriatric Fellowship	Cleveland, Ohio
Charisse Logronio, M.D.	Hospitalist	Columbus, GA
Vivin Mathew, M.D.	Hospitalist	Columbus & Newnan, GA
Shazia Siddiqui, M.D.	Urgent Care	Anderson, South Carolina
Kathy Jo Thompson, M.D.	Geriatric Fellowship	Winter Park, Florida
Karla van Rensburg, D.O.	Urgent Care	Alexandria, VA
Julia Vu, M.D.	Emergency Medicine Fellowship	Decatur, Alabama

There are no formal recommendations for the Reference Committee. The Medical Education Department at Midtown Medical Center appreciates the ongoing support of the Congress along with that of the membership of the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians.

Sincerely,

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