

Georgia South Family Medicine Residency Program
Annual Report
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

General

Georgia South Family Medicine Residency Program at Colquitt Regional Medical Center launched its residency in July 2016, matching its first three residents into the program, and is now entering its second year. The program has pre-accreditation with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, and had its site visit in May 2017, with a decision on accreditation expected in October 2017. As the program looks towards unified accreditation, it will expand capacity to include 4 residents per year (12). Once the program receives its ACGME accreditation, it plans to pursue Osteopathic Recognition.

Residents

It was a year of firsts for our program, culminating in our first promotion of residents from interns to residents. We are proud of our first class. Dr. Michael Magat became actively involved with the Colquitt County High School National Championship Football team, attending games on the field to support the team physician. Dr. Marco Hur was our first resident to staff our hospital in-patient service, and became a leader in looking at hospital policy. Dr. Jessica Brumfield was elected to serve on the GAFP Board, and welcomed Georgia South's first continuity delivery, and will continue to see the baby and her mother as patients.

Georgia South proudly welcomed our second group of residents, including Dr. Catie Duskin, Dr. Valerie Sherrer and Dr. Theja Lanka, at a white coat ceremony in June.

Faculty and Staff

Georgia South added two new faculty members to the team. I am pleased that Dr. Woodwin Weeks, D.O., joined as the Associate Program Director in December 2016, and Dr. Melissa Cardwell, D.O. came on board in March 2017. Dr. Weeks brings a depth of knowledge to our residents, and is helping grow the program's adult and pediatric in-patient experiences, and has been instrumental in developing a robust didactic curriculum, which incorporates osteopathic manipulation. Dr. Cardwell brings a depth of expertise in women's health and geriatrics. Also continuing his involvement is Dr. Nick Carden, the program's behavioral health faculty. Dr. Carden is a tremendous asset to resident wellness and in teaching residents about various aspects of behavioral and mental health issues.

Service

Georgia South opened its new Family Medicine Continuity Clinic in Moultrie December 2016. The clinic has allowed residents to offer a full scope of primary care, women's health, including obstetrics and a strong focus on procedures. At Georgia South Family Medicine Residency Program, we have recently introduced point of care ultrasound in our outpatient clinic. While often used for musculoskeletal ultrasound and ultrasound guided injections, we are also training our residents in limited obstetrical ultrasound and abdominal ultrasound.

Future Direction

As a new program, we are focused on recruitment of strong faculty and residents as a first priority. In addition, the program will continue to build a comprehensive curriculum and didactic experience targeting practice in rural and community settings. The major challenge Georgia South faces is our rapid growth means a strong push towards excellence in teaching at the hospital administrative, physician and service levels. This requires constant education and attention to program requirements, a new position for many on the hospital team. It also requires an unwavering dedication to protecting the resident experience, one which we embrace and hold above all else. In the pursuit of

becoming a premiere teaching hospital, we constantly strive to serve the community in patient care, and the State of Georgia in our work to develop a new generation of Family Physicians as leaders, advocates and caregivers.

Respectfully,
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