

2018 Annual Report for the WellStar Atlanta Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program

We have now graduated 22 classes, with 60% of our graduates remaining in Georgia to practice.

We had a successful match this year, filling all 6 positions with excellent medical school graduates. We had 2625 applicants for those 6 positions. These new interns are already performing quite well on their first two rotations.

WellStar has been very supportive of graduate medical education in general and has certainly helped our program. Our clinic continues to grow, and we hope to increase our patient volume by extending the hours we are open. To that end, we have hired one of our recent graduates to begin late hours in our clinic. We have also hired an RN to help with various duties.

The Morrow Clinic continues to work within the communities and over the past academic year our faculty, residents, and staff have completed several initiatives. A brief overview of a few is provided below:

Every year we pick local organizations to donate non-perishable food items during the Thanksgiving season and toys during the Christmas season. 2017 – 2018 was our third year organizing these events. Our goal is to donate to organizations in Clayton County, which is the main population we serve.

Henry County School System Sports Physical Event

The Wellstar AMC Family Medicine Residency Program facilitated a Sports Physical Event with the Henry County School System. We provided physicals for the middle school and high school athletes. 10 of our physicians from our Morrow clinic volunteer their time, as well as 5 medical students from Ross University School of Medicine and 2 community volunteers. The Sports Physical Event was a wonderful success and we completed over 250 sports physicals.

Good Shepard

Our residents also work in collaboration with the Good Shepard Clinic. Good Shepard is a non-profit clinic which provides no cost primary medical care to uninsured residents of Clayton County who have limited financial resources. Our second and third year residents rotate there and are involved in direct patient care.

Special Olympics

Each year in October, we participate in Special Olympics Georgia. This year, we will participate in the annual Special Olympics Health Fair within the DeKalb County School System. Annually over 500 students with intellectual disabilities are assisted through this fair.

J Charley Griswell Senior Center

Our residents give talks, six times per year at the J Charley Griswell Senior Center in Clayton County. They do this during their geriatric rotation. The talks are on topics such as prostate health, healthy diets in seniors, and heart disease.

We continue to maintain full accreditation from the ACGME with no citations. Only about a third of Family Medicine residencies can claim this. Finally, all our residents have passed their boards on their first attempt the last 5 years.

We hope that interest in Family Medicine amongst American medical students will continue and the small reverse in the multi-year decline will expand. We must all continue to promote Family Medicine to all medical students we encounter, and show them the benefit of continuity of care, and comprehensive care, and how this will improve the health care provided to the citizens of Georgia.

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