



**Emory Family Medicine Residency Program  
Annual Report  
July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019**

**General**

The Emory Family Medicine Residency Program (EFMRP) completed its 24<sup>th</sup> year of training residents. During the 2018-2019 academic year, 28 residents were in training. Eight of our residents completed the program, of whom five went into practice in the state of Georgia.

The program continues to staff its Family Medicine Service (FMS) at Emory University Hospital Midtown, which is the sponsoring hospital for the Emory Family Medicine Residency Program. This is an excellent teaching service with the full academic training and clinical services support of Emory Healthcare. It is also ranked nationally in the top 10% for outstanding quality for academic medical centers.

Our faculty and residents continue to receive recognition for their leadership and outstanding work in medical education, residency training, and clinical research. Dr. Mohammed Ali and Dr. Megha Shah were part of an Emory/Georgia Tech collaboration that won the Award of Distinction for Early Stage Research Teams from the Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance for their project “Characterizing Diabetes Screening Systems for Design, Evaluation, and Disparity Identification.” Our faculty and residents presented their research at conferences including:

- Annual American Academy of Family Practice Resident and Medical Student Conference
- Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Annual Conference
- Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance Health Services Research Day
- Southern Group on Educational Affairs Regional Conference
- Georgia Academy of Family Physicians Annual Scientific Assembly
- North American Primary Care Research Group Annual Meeting
- Connected Health Conference
- Lifestyle Medicine Conference.

Two of our residents won the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place awards during the 2018 Georgia Academy of Family Physicians Annual Scientific Assembly poster presentation.

Our faculty and residents also published scholarly articles in journals including:

- Cancer Nursing Practice
- Integrative Cancer Therapies
- Gastric Cancer
- Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine
- Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine
- Journal of the American Heart Association
- Southern Medical Journal.



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Dr. Mohammed Ali was named Vice-Chair of Research for our Department. All faculty and residents are actively engaged in teaching and lecturing within the Department as well as the School of Medicine and Physician Assistant Program.

Our residents remain engaged in Global Health electives, with residents and faculty traveling to Ethiopia during the academic year to continue to assist in the development of the first Family Medicine residency program in the country. Our residency program continues to attract large numbers of applicants, both nationally and internationally. This year we had over 2,100 applicants. The program successfully matched all ten positions in March 2019.

Our involvement with the Emory Family Medicine Interest Group continues to attract medical students and undergraduates to Family Medicine. The residency program faculty and residents regularly engage in procedure workshops with medical students.

The program's website is <http://www.fpm.emory.edu/>.

### **Faculty/ Staff Changes**

Dr. James Jo became Associate Program Director for the residency program in August 2018.

Dr. Mirtha Aguilar joined the residency core faculty in June 2019.

### **2019 Graduates**

<b>Graduate</b>	<b>Practice Location</b>
Afua Akhi-Gbade	WellStar- Primary Care, Atlanta, GA
Mohammed Ali	Emory Healthcare-Primary Care and Faculty at the Emory Department of Family Medicine and Preventive Medicine Faculty, Atlanta, GA
Hunter Davis	WellStar-Urgent Care, Atlanta, GA
Blair Funk	Wickenburg Community Hospital Clinic-Primary Care, Wickenburg, AZ
Aparna Mark	Emory Healthcare-Primary Care, Atlanta, GA
Lin Mel	IDSA HIV Fellowship at Ponce de Leon Center at GHS Center for Advanced HIV Disease, Atlanta, GA
Daniel Ralston	Primary Care, Atlanta, GA
Brock Vanderbush	Sports Medicine fellowship at St. Vincent's Sports Performance in Indianapolis, IN

Seven out of eight graduates sat for the ABFM exam in April 2019. They passed the exam on their first attempt. The eighth graduate will sit for the board exam in November 2019.

## **Family Medicine Center**

All Family Medicine residents and faculty practice in the Emory Family Medicine at Dunwoody clinic and provide inpatient care at Emory University Hospital Midtown. The Dunwoody site offers full-service primary care, as well as a wide variety of office procedures. We offer behavioral counseling on site. The Dunwoody clinic provides teaching and training to Family Medicine residents, medical students, and PA students in Ambulatory Care at the Emory University School of Medicine. We continue to incorporate e-visits and telephone visits to improve access and quality of care for our patients.

The clinic offers a Lifestyle Clinic to help patients with chronic disease overcome barriers to making healthier lifestyle choices. Individual consultation with Preventive Medicine specialists and group visits are provided for patients who seek additional assistance in successful long-term weight loss.

The clinic web site is

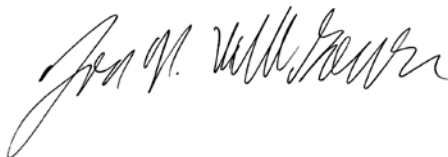
<https://www.emoryhealthcare.org/locations/primary-care/emory-at-dunwoody-family-medicine/>

## **Graduates**

We currently have 192 graduates in practice. Approximately 60% are practicing in the state of Georgia.

## **Future Directions**

1. The Division of Palliative Care will be incorporated into our Department as of September 1<sup>st</sup>. Our Department will sponsor the Palliative Care Fellowship.
2. We continue to expand our quality improvement projects in chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and obesity; and wellness.
3. We continue to recruit faculty members to our residency program.
4. The TeleHealth VA rotation continues to expand their services with residency involvement.
5. A Point of Care Ultrasound Curriculum will start on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 for our PGY2 residents.



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