

Annual Report of the Morehouse School of Medicine Residency Program to the GAFP Congress of Delegates

The Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) Family Medicine Residency Program was established in 1981 as MSM's first graduate medical education program. Our residents benefit from inpatient training at both Atlanta Medical Center-South, a moderately sized community hospital in East Point, Georgia, and Grady Memorial Hospital that serves a largely underserved population and is the largest hospital in the state of Georgia. Our primary ambulatory training site is the Morehouse Healthcare Comprehensive Family Healthcare Center where the full scope of Family Medicine is practiced and a range of procedures are performed. Since its inception, the program has graduated 177 residents, 65% of whom are practicing in the state of Georgia. Our program has Continued Accreditation by the ACGME. Proudly, 100% of our residents have passed the ABFM Board Examination on their first attempt for the past four years.

Residents and Graduates

Program graduates during the 2018 – 2019 academic year are listed below with their practice sites.

Aaron Cooper	Kaiser Permanente Atlanta, GA
Mayyada Holt	Kaiser Permanente Atlanta, GA
Tolani Olagunju	WellStar Atlanta, GA
Vrati Parikh	Integra Healthcare Chicago, IL
Monique Merritt-Atkins	Oakhurst FQHC Atlanta GA

The program successfully filled the full complement of six slots for the PGY 1 class out of an applicant pool of approximately 1300. The following interns were welcomed to the program on July 1, 2019:

Landon Irvin, MD	Morehouse School of Medicine
Stephen James, MD	Howard University College of Medicine
Macy McNair, MD	Morehouse School of Medicine
Kelechukwu Onyedimma, DO	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Ashley Peterson, Do	Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Uchechukwu Egwu, MD	University of Nigeria Faculty of Medicine

Administration Changes:

- 1) Program Manager- Mrs. Justina Rodriguez became Program Manager in March 2019.

Geriatric Rotation

We have established a new relationship with the Carl Vinson VA in Dublin, GA, where our PGY2 residents now have the opportunity to complete a Geriatric rotation. Dr Akintayo a PGY2 resident was the first resident from Morehouse SOM to train in Geriatric Medicine at the Dublin VA location. Our residents will receive training in Geriatrics and Extended Care under the supervision of the Geriatrics VA faculty to gain experience and a better understanding of healthcare needs specific to the veteran population as well as the veteran-centered approach in delivering needed services.

Resident Scholarly Activity:

Our residents were actively engaged in scholarly activity during the 2018 – 2019 academic year. The following lists a few highlights of their activities:

Presentations

National Medical Association – August 2019

Poster Presentation

Kuna Okong, MD, Hikma Jemal, MD

“Systemic Lupus Erythematosus presents as Myopericarditis with Pericardial Effusion”

Local Presentations

Mr. William Booth and Dr. James Zaidan Resident Research Day- May 2018

Grady Memorial Hospital

Posters

Monique Merritt-Atkins, MD, Hikma Jemal, MD, Tolani Olagunju, MD:

“Developing a transition care program to improve health outcomes of underserved population”

Vrati Parikh, MD, Mayyada Holt, MD

“The Association between Working in a Medically Underserved Community and Physician Wellbeing in a National Sample of Teaching Family Physicians”

Kuna Okong, MD

“How heavy is your backpack? A case of backpack palsy”

Resident Research Day

Mayyada Holt, MD, Vrati Parikh, MD

“The Association Between Area Level Primary Care Physician Supply and Physician Wellbeing in a National Sample of Teaching Family Physicians”

Tolani Olagunju, MD, Monique Merritt-Atkins, MD & Hikma Jemal, MD

“Transition of Care”

Aaron Cooper, MD, David Moise, MD

“Improving Durable Power of Attorney in patients greater than 65 years of age”

Resident Leadership

Dr Hikma Jemal, Tolani Olagunju, Kuna Okong, Miranda McNear served on the Clinical Process Improvement Committee.

Dr Mayyada Holt served on the GME PSQI committee.

Dr Aaron Cooper and Tolani Olagunju served on the Chief resident council.

Dr Kuna Okong and Dr Stubbs were GAFP Resident Delegates.

Dr. Rodrick Stewart served as the President-Elect for the Morehouse School of Medicine Resident Association

Awards and Recognitions:

Our residents and faculty strive for excellence in all their endeavors. As such, they received numerous awards and recognitions during the 2018 – 2019 academic year.

Residents

Chivon Brown-Stubbs, MD

- The Rising Star Award, June 2019

Mayyada Holt, MD

- MSM Family Medicine Residency Program Faculty Award for meritorious achievement during residency training

Tolani Olagunju, MD, MPH

- MSM Family Medicine Residency Program Resident of the Year Award, June 2019
- Chief Resident 2018-2019

Aaron Cooper, MD

- MSM Family Medicine Residency Program Director's Award for scholastic excellence and education in teaching fellow residents the art of Family Medicine, June 2019
- Chief Resident 2018-2019

Faculty

Charles Sow, MD

- GAFP Physician Educator of the Year

Robersteen Howard, MD

- MSM Family Medicine Residency Program William H. Cleveland Faculty of the Year Award, June 2019

Anne Gaglioti, MD

- MSM Family Medicine Residency Program Chairman's Award, June 2019

Riba Kelsey, MD

- MSM Family Medicine Residency Program Nelson McGee Award, June 2019

Community Service:

Morehouse School of Medicine Family Medicine faculty and residents show their commitment to the MSM mission to “improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities” and vision to lead in the “creation and advancement of health equity” through involvement in numerous community service activities. Activities with the highest participation include volunteering at the Morehouse School of Medicine student run HEAL Clinic and numerous health fairs. Our residents are also co-hosts with Dr. Charles Sow on the monthly radio talk show “For your Good.” Residency faculty additionally serve as mentors to students at the elementary, high school, collegiate, and medical school levels both individually and as a part of collective pipeline efforts. Our residents have collected over 300 items to donate to the Back to School initiative that went to a local school along with participating in an annual event called “Pretty Girl Sweat”. Finally, Dr. Kelsey-Harris travelled to Tanzania where, along with Tanzanian physicians, she provided care for nearly 1500 elementary school children while exploring opportunities for future service and learning opportunities in the country.

The program continues to work towards excellence in education, scholarly activity, patient care, leadership, and community engagement.

This report is presented for information only. We have no formal recommendations for the reference committee.

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