

2019 Annual Report for the WellStar Atlanta Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program

We have now graduated 23 classes, with 60% of our graduates remaining in Georgia to practice.

We had a successful match this year, filling all of our 6 positions with excellent medical school graduates. We had 2600 applicants for those 6 positions. Our interns have started out very well and have gotten excellent evaluations on their first rotations.

Our Family Medicine Center in Morrow, Georgia, continues to do well. We are presently remodeling the clinic in order to create pods that will allow us to deliver team-based care. We also continue to see continuity OB patients at the Your Town Health Clinic (an FQHC) in Palmetto. We deliver these patients at our hospital.

WellStar is strongly supporting GME with WAMC and with their Kennestone hospital. They have initial plans for starting a residency program at WellStar Spalding Hospital in Griffin.

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

Our program continues to work within the community and over the past academic year our faculty, residents, and staff have continued several initiatives. For example, we work at a free clinic we started for Clayton county citizens, we do sports physicals for the special Olympics, and we give health lectures at a local senior center.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

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