

**AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY/MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA  
FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM  
ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019**

Since graduating its first class of residents in 1975, a total of 304 residents have completed their training in the Family Medicine Residency Program. Eighty-one percent of these graduates chose to remain in the Southeast. Sixty-seven percent of the 2019 graduates remained in Georgia.

Our program is accredited through the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). Due to the merger between ACGME and AOA we will be submitting our application for ACGME osteopathic recognition in 2020. We continue to successfully recruit allopathic and osteopathic residents into our program.

Resident recruitment activities continue on both the local and national levels to include the American Academy of Family Physicians, American and Student National Medical Association in Kansas City and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP) Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar residency fairs. Efforts continue to result in successful filled positions through the National Resident Matching Program.

The Family Medicine Center (FMC) maintains recognition through the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Level III Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH). The FMC functions in a modified multi-disciplinary team structure. There are seven teams of attending physicians, resident physicians, mid-level providers and nurses. The FMC Quality Department Committee is now involved in helping develop outcome projects for our department. This activity will help expand resident and faculty scholarship opportunities.

Our chief residents attended the AAFP Chief Resident Leadership Development Program Conference. All of our PGY-3s presented their senior scholarly project(s) at our annual Departmental Research Day. Transitioning PGY-2s attended the annual Resident Retreat held in Savannah, Georgia. Resident presence continues at GAFFP in Atlanta, GA, the North American Primary Care Research Conferences, AAFP National Conference in Kansas City, MO and AAFP FMX Conference in San Antonio, TX.

Residents continue to be active in community duties such as; our homeless clinic, our women's clinic and the equality clinic.

**Highlights for 2018-2019:**

- The three-year residency expansion project concluded to 10/10/10 successfully. This expansion has allowed access to a variety of community clinical settings such as rural emergency medicine, prompt care, primary care and hospitalist at a community hospital.
- Residents continue to participate in our Global Medicine elective rotation. Dr. Shreyal Patel rotated Uganda, East Africa.
- The "Wellness" curriculum continues to address issues related to stress and fatigue, and through scheduled group events and personal wellness, promotes more time for personal health maintenance.
- Hospital wide Ultra Sound Training instituted starts during Orientation and continues through the resident's three-year educational process. The department purchased portable ultrasound equipment for inpatient and outpatient training.
- ROSH Review is renewed by the department each year and is a valuable tool to assist residents with board taking skills. Residents are also required to attend a Board Review Course paid for by the department. Our program has achieved a 100% pass rate for the last three years.
- Two rural pediatric outpatient practices were secured this year to improve residents experience in pediatric care.
- Our department has been engaged in an intercampus grant to educate residents and faculty in Screening and Brief Intervention with Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) model for the screening of patients who are at risk of alcohol and drug abuse.
- Our program continued to track required procedures through our electronic ONE45 system.

Respectfully submitted,

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