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Congress of Delegates
Georgia Academy of Family Physicians

The Family Medicine Residency at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown in Columbus, Georgia respectfully submits its 2018-2019 Annual Report to the GAFP Congress of Delegates.

The Family Medicine Residency at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown has a long and distinguished history of providing physician Graduate Medical Education and patient care to the Columbus area. The three-year Family Medicine residency program was established in 1972. Prior to that date, primary care physicians were trained as general practitioners with a two-year residency after medical school. Over the past sixty years Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown has been instrumental in supplying general practitioners and family physicians who served the needs of Georgia and particularly the Columbus area. In our immediate area, there are approximately ninety physicians who practice within a thirty-mile radius of Columbus who can claim all or part of their training at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown.

An important part of our Medical Education mission is providing quality medical care to the underserved. Under the guidance of full-time attending physicians, our Family Medicine residents provide care in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, General Surgery, Pediatrics and Obstetrics and Gynecology. The teaching services enable Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown to serve as a patient resource and referral center for citizens of Georgia and east Alabama. Residents provide care at the Columbus Health Department clinics and routinely assist on Columbus Regional's outreach medical van. During the last year, our teaching program saw over 35,000 outpatient visits in the Family Medicine Center, delivered hundreds of infants and cared for thousands of hospital admissions. With training in Advanced Cardiac and Trauma Life Support, residents help provide 24/7 care to patients referred to Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown Intensive Care Units and Level II Trauma program.

The Family Medicine residency continues with full accreditation from the ACGME. The Institution has also had two CLER visits from the ACGME.

The residency program has transitioned to EPIC as its third electronic health record. The residency continues to be the largest outpatient EHR implementation in the Columbus area. Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown and its faculty are committed to keep our residency program at the cutting edge of providing quality and cost-effective medicine.

Years ago, our residency participated in the GAFP sponsored PCMH University to obtain Level 3 designation as an NCQA patient centered medical home. Our residency is grateful for GAFP's support and engineers our curriculum to maintain NCQA certification. Our center was the first in our network to achieve PCMH Level 3 designation. We have actually recertified twice and maintain our level 3 status.

In 2012 we became an official satellite campus for Mercer University School of Medicine as a branch campus. We are currently in our eighth year of this successful project. Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown and St. Francis Hospital continue a successful collaboration to provide clinical experiences for 20 MS3 and 20 MS4 students. In addition to Mercer, our clinical faculty hold medical school appointments at the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University, Nova Southeastern University and Georgia-PCOM. While resident training is the primary mission of the Medical Education Department, there is extensive cooperation with Three

Rivers AHEC in the training of physician assistants, nurse practitioners and other allied health providers.

An important mission of our training program is to supply physicians to meet the needs of Georgia citizens. The following physicians graduated in June, 2019 and are listed with their practice location:

2019 graduates and practice locations:

Resident	Practice or Training Location	
Regina Addo, MD	TBD	Emergency Medicine
Tia Bingham MD	Savannah, GA	Family Medicine
Joseph Conklin MD	Columbus, GA	Emergency Medicine
Nicholas Herga MD	Columbus, GA	Emergency Medicine
Anthony Iwelunmor MD	Jackson, TN	Emergency Medicine Fellowship
Anushree Kadchhud MD	Columbus, GA	Hospitalist
Michelle Montalvo MD	Columbus, GA	Hospitalist
Eka Ndem MD	Columbus, GA	Hospitalist
Abiola Saibu MD	Atlanta GA	Group Practice
Hedayah Scoon MD	Milledgeville, GA	Hospitalist
Frank Taddeo	Grand Forks, ND	Sports Medicine Fellowship
Aakar Thaker MD	Locum Tenens	Georgia

There are no formal recommendations for the Reference Committee. The Medical Education Department at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown appreciates the ongoing support of the Congress along with that of the membership of the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians.

Sincerely,

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