

MONTANA FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY

The MFMR program provides education, practice, and lifestyle experiences intentionally designed to prepare graduates to practice medicine in rural and underserved communities. Residents provide care to under-resourced populations through their continuity care clinic, inpatient hospital service, and rural medicine rotations throughout Montana. This curriculum is facilitated and supervised by a faculty of thirteen family physicians, internal medicine-pediatrics, internal medicine/infectious disease, and a psychiatrist. In addition, the residents work with a spectrum of community physicians across Billings and the state who provide excellent training and day-to-day experiences. MFMR has osteopathic recognition from the ACGME and we integrate osteopathic principles and methods into the curriculum. We have signed agreements to enable our residents to easily rotate at VA and IHS sites across the state, an excellent addition to our core curriculum.

RiverStone Health Clinic utilizes a medical home model that is a team-based and patient-centered approach. In addition to medical care, its comprehensive services include nutrition counseling, diabetes education, clinical pharmacy services, integrated behavioral health, wellness center, and group education. Specialty clinics include Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder (MAT-OUD), Hepatitis C, Ryan White HIV/AIDS program, Foster care, pediatric behavioral health, musculoskeletal/sports medicine, and OMT. A three-year integrated Public Health and Advocacy track began in 2014 for one resident entering the track each year. Completing the track satisfies half of the requirements for the MPH from the University of Montana and exposes residents to advocacy at the regional and national levels. The integrated Wilderness Medicine fellowship track is a popular and excellent augmentation to rural and austere medicine curriculum. In partnership with the Billings Clinic, MFMR started a Rural Critical Care Fellowship to prepare graduates to care for complex and critically ill patients in rural environments.

Dr. Garth Brand is the Program Director for the Montana Family Medicine Residency.



BILLINGS CLINIC INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY

Billings Clinic welcomed its eighth class of 12 residents to the Billings Clinic Internal Medicine Residency this summer. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has granted the program ten-year accreditation (2016 – 2026) with no citations. The Billings Clinic Internal Medicine Residency program demonstrates an outstanding track record of training physicians to care for medically complex patients in rural settings. In the last several years, the program has received national recognition for innovative approaches to medical education and training.

The Billings Clinic Internal Medicine Residency strives to provide medical education and to encourage residents' active participation in the organization and content of their residency experience. This approach ensures that the needs of every patient are best served, helps each resident achieve the goal of becoming a highly competent, well-trained, compassionate internist, and provides a graduate medical education infrastructure to promote excellence and innovation in clinical care, rural medicine, and quality and safety.

The Billings Clinic Internal Medicine Residency Program utilizes Lewistown, Montana and Sheridan, Wyoming as rural training sites.

Dr. Steve Gerstner is the Program Director for the Billings Clinic Internal Medicine Residency.



PSYCHIATRY RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAM – MT TRACK AT BILLINGS CLINIC

The Montana Track at Billings Clinic is a regional track of the University Washington Psychiatry Residency Training Program and is Montana's first psychiatry residency program. Its mission is to train psychiatrist-leaders, who will become change agents in the rural communities they serve by uncovering and nurturing their passions, teaching them evidence-based clinical skills, and inspiring innovative approaches to closing gaps in community-based systems of mental health care. The University of Washington Psychiatry Residency has been successfully operating regional track programs in Spokane and Boise for over 20 years.

Psychiatry residents who match to the program will spend their first two years training in Seattle at the University of Washington. During years three and four, residents train at Billings Clinic, a nationally recognized multispecialty group practice. Residents will become an integral part of a team that includes outstanding faculty, multidisciplinary professionals, and trainees. This is an intimate training experience, with three residents per year, or a total of twelve residents across all four years.

The first class matched in 2019 and the Psychiatry Residency Montana Track at Billings Clinic has welcomed its first three residents to Montana as of July 2021.

John Powers, M.D., is the site program director of the Psychiatry Residency Montana Track at Billings Clinic.

FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY OF WESTERN MONTANA (FMRWM)



The Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana exists to provide superior, comprehensive education in Family Medicine. FMRWM is committed to developing family physicians who are compassionate, clinically competent, and motivated to serve patients and communities in the rural and underserved areas of Montana. We have a curriculum focused on preparing residents for full-scope practice, but with the flexibility for residents to pursue individual interests. The FMRWM rural training network consists of 10 core rural sites and an additional six elective rural sites. It is a 10-10-10 program with 30 residents, 24 of whom are located in Missoula; six residents participate in a 1:2 track and complete their 2nd and 3rd years of residency in Kalispell. To date, 73% of our graduates are practicing in Montana and 78% are practicing in a rural or Community Health Center setting. Sixty residents have completed the FMRWM program with a 100% board passage rate. FMRWM is accredited by the ACGME and has had Osteopathic Recognition since 2018. The University of Montana is the sponsoring institution.

Rob Stenger, MD, is the director of the FMRWM.