

Family Practice Residency Program Overview

O'Bleness Memorial Hospital/Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-COM) Family Practice Residency Training Program is designed to provide advanced postdoctoral training in the care of patients in the ambulatory and hospital setting within the context of family medicine. This program is characterized by a core curriculum that will prepare residents to take the certifying board after two years of training and has the flexibility to accommodate, within reason, individual learning needs and practice plans.

Family practice, by nature, encompasses knowledge and skills from various specialty areas. This program accommodates the need to provide training in various specialties but focuses primarily on the ambulatory aspects of patient care. Additionally, this residency addresses the unique nature of family practice by providing individualized training and feedback in the area of psychosocial development, particularly, as it relates to the total health care of individuals and families. Residents have weekly outpatient clinic hours and develop their own panel of patients to facilitate longitudinal patient care over the course of the program. Additionally, didactic and individualized instructions are available to assist residents in their skills development in the areas of medical education and clinical research within the realm of family practice.

CURRICULUM

The Family Practice Residency Program curriculum meets the requirements of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP). The program includes four months of elective time that can be used, within reason, to address individual learning needs and practice plans. Any need for rotation remediation is negotiated with the program director and corresponding rotation coordinator.

The majority of clinical training occurs in Athens at various ambulatory clinics, the OU-COM Osteopathic Medical Center (OMC), and at O'Bleness Memorial Hospital. However, numerous other clinical and hospital training sites outside the Athens area are available. Residents' clinical activities are supervised by the program director, major trainers in the family medicine specialty, other appropriate OU-COM faculty and staff at affiliated training sites. Obstetrics and gynecology within the realm of family practice is an integral component of this training program.

Schedules are negotiated with the program director and foster simultaneous attainment of various program objectives. Clinical rotations and other program obligations are integrated into the residents' schedule by allotting sections of each week for each week for various activities. For example, besides the scheduled specialty rotations, residents see their panel of patients two to three half-days per week during the first year, and three to four half-days per week during their second year in family practice clinic, except when on specified clinical rotations. They also attend weekly family medicine clinical case conferences and participate in seminars in psychosocial development, research and writing, computer skills and organizational skills.

Residents are required to complete one scientific paper relating to family practice that is suitable for publication, prior to completing the residency training program. The paper can take the form of a case presentation on a specific subject, it can be a review of the literature or it can be an original research paper with appropriate documentation. The research paper will be completed during the second year of the residency program. OU-COM offers various seminars and has support personnel who can assist residents in developing the skills needed to satisfy the writing requirements.

Additionally, the College offers various education programs to assist in teaching skill development.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION

To be eligible for acceptance into the O’Bleness Memorial Hospital/OU-COM Family Practice Residency, the applicant **must**:

- ✓ Be a graduate of an AOA accredited college of osteopathic medicine;
- ✓ Provide evidence of completion of an AOA approved internship or equivalent rotating internship;
- ✓ Be licensed to practice medicine in the State of Ohio or be qualified to obtain temporary licensure;
- ✓ Be a member in good standing of the AOA and Ohio Osteopathic Association (OOA);
- ✓ Evidence conformity to the AOA Code of Ethics.

Applications are reviewed by members of the selection committee, which includes program director, the chairman of the Department of Family Medicine, and other major trainers. Four family practice residence positions are available annually. Selection is based upon information contained in the documents required for application, references, interviews, and the recommendations of the selection committee.

PROGRAM MODEL

The family practice rotations reflect the AOA and ACFP requirements as well as those of O’Bleness Memorial Hospital and OU-COM. The program’s flexibility allows a resident, with the approval of the residency director, to design his or her individually tailored curriculum.

ROTATION DURATION

First Year of Residency

Emergency Medicine	4 Weeks
Obstetrics/Gynecology	5 Weeks
Internal Medicine	
(General)	4 Weeks
Gastroenterology	4 Weeks
Pediatrics	5 Weeks
Orthopedics	5 Weeks
Family Medicine	4 Weeks
Ambulatory	12 Weeks
Geriatrics	
OMM	
Prenatal Clinic	
Family Medicine	
Elective	6 Weeks
Vacation	2 Weeks
CME	1 Week
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	52 Weeks

Second Year of Residency

Emergency Medicine	4 Weeks
Obstetrics/Gynecology	4 Weeks
Pediatrics	5 Weeks
Pediatric Selective	2 Weeks
ENT	2 Weeks
Family Medicine	4 Weeks
Psychiatry	4 Weeks
Dermatology	4 Weeks
Electives	20 Weeks
Vacation	2 Weeks
CME	1 Week
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	52 Weeks

Family Medicine Clinic is scheduled weekly throughout the year.

Psychosocial and Practice Management are longitudinal experiences throughout the two-year curriculum

MEDICAL EDUCATION

Residents also have access to three library sources, the medical library at O'Bleness Memorial Hospital, the OU-COM Learning Resource Center, and on the nearby Ohio University main campus, Alden Library, all of which include additional computer access and internet capabilities.

The Medical Education Office at O'Bleness Memorial Hospital administers all of the Athens-based programs, which include the Family Practice Residency, OB/GYN Residency, Internship and Phase IV and Phase III programs. The scheduling of rotations, the lecture series, learning activities, curriculum development, etc., are coordinated through this office. We feel effective administration and coordination of the residency program is strength of our program.

A dynamic medical education lecture series is an integral part of our residency program. Each month a wide array of presentations are scheduled to enhance the learning process. By effectively utilizing tele-video conferencing, we are able to actively participate in a wide variety of medical lectures around the State of Ohio. Faculty, residents, interns, students and guest lecturers comprise the panel of presenters.

Listed below are some of the topics presently being offered in the Medical Education Lecture Series:

Emergency Medicine
Evidence Based Medicine Journal Club
Family Medicine
Gastroenterology
Geriatric Medicine¹
Internal Medicine
Obstetrics/Gynecology

¹ Consortium for Health Education in Appalachia Ohio (CHEAO) is an Area Health Education Center (AHEC) for the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. This unit regularly sponsors CME programs for faculty and students. These programs are incorporated into the Medical Education Lecture Series Calendar.

OMT
Pediatrics
Preventative Medicine/Public Health
Pharmaceutical Seminars
Practice Management
Psychosocial Seminars
Research/Journal Seminars
Surgery
Tumor Board

MOVING POLICY

Moving expenses are paid up to \$500.00.

EXPENSES

Eligible

Moving expenses based upon standard common carrier tariffs will be paid only for moving household goods, furniture, clothing, appliances and books as well as other personal property related to the individual's profession. Such expenses may include charges for packing, insurance, disconnecting and connecting appliances.

Ineligible

- Personal travel expenses in connection with relocation.
- Storage charges, including in-transit storage and handling charges.
- Expedited moving charges.
- Transportation of animals or pets.
- Transportation of automobiles, boats or trailers.
- Moving building materials.
- Moving property pertaining to a commercial enterprise engaged in by the individual or members of his or her family.
- Maid service.
- Alterations to furnishings.

HOUSING

The City of Athens, a college community of approximately 35,000 (including OU students) rests in the hills of Southeastern Ohio, approximately 1 and ½ hours from Columbus, Ohio and 45 minutes from Parkersburg, WV. Ohio University provides a diversity of cultural events, including theater productions, concerts, lectures and Mid-American Conference (MAC) sports. Resources for finding housing accommodations include:

Local Realtors:

- Andy Sylvia Realty
(740) 592-1244
- Athens Hills Realtors
(740) 594-3543
- Athens Realty
(740) 592-1146
- Century 21 Realty, Inc.
(740) 594-4211
- Larry Conrath Realty
(740) 592-3015
- Bob Dellinger Realty
(740) 594-4848
- Hayes Real Estate
(740) 593-8867
- E R A Martin & Assoc.
(740) 593-3333
- Sole & Bloom Realtors
(740) 592-5263

The Medical Education Office is willing to have copies of The Athens Messenger sent to your present home. Housing advertisements can be monitored, and prompt contact can be made to obtain housing in the Athens area prior to the starting date of your program. All we need is for you to let us know by calling (740) 592-9334 and this service will be implemented.

STIPENDS/BENEFITS

The base salary is \$ 41,000 for the current 2006 - 2007 First Year Residents (PGY II). Benefits are discussed below.

Fringe Benefits

Granted Time

CME, Rotating holidays and 10 vacation days.

Educational Conference/Materials

Funds are available subject to approval by the Director of Medical Education.

Malpractice Insurance

Provided by O'Bleness Memorial Hospital; covers program-sponsored activities.

Uniform

Two lab coats provided; all scrubs provided and laundered.

Health Insurance/Dental

Provided for you at no cost. There is an additional expense for coverage of family members.

Life Insurance/Disability

Provided for you at no cost. There is an additional expense for coverage of family members and/or supplemental life insurance.

Meals

Hospital provides meals up to \$3.00 each (25% discounted price), while on duty.

Moving Expenses

Moving expenses are paid up to \$500.00.