



WellStar Atlanta Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program



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Founded in 1901, WellStar Atlanta Medical Center (AMC) is a 762-bed acute care hospital, with campuses in downtown Atlanta and East Point, Ga. It is the second largest licensed-bed hospital in Georgia. A teaching hospital, AMC is a Level 1 Trauma Center and Advanced Primary Stroke Center, earning numerous national awards for its treatment of stroke. It is recognized for its women's services program, including water births, and the hospital's weight loss program is nationally accredited. Through a community partnership, AMC provides sports medicine coverage to Atlanta Public Schools student athletes.

AMC is a proud member of WellStar Health System. WellStar, the largest health system in Georgia, is known nationally for its innovative care models, and is focused on improved quality and access to healthcare. WellStar is dedicated to reinvesting back into the community with innovative treatments, state-of-the-art technology and facilities. Its vision is to deliver world-class healthcare.

To learn more about WellStar Atlanta Medical Center, a facility accredited by The Joint Commission, visit wellstar.org.

AMC Awards

- MBSAQIP Accredited Center Quality Improvement, American Society for Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery and American College of Surgeons
- Aetna Institutes of Quality, Bariatric Surgery
- Optum Bariatric Center of Excellence (COE)
- Get With The Guidelines Heart Failure Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award, 2016
- Get With The Guidelines Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award, 2016



Resident Training

AMC has been training residents for more than 50 years. Our four residency programs are accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). We have 84 residents currently training at AMC in Family Medicine, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, and Orthopaedic Surgery. Additionally, 2 pharmacy residents are training in a program that is accredited by the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. AMC is firmly committed to maintaining a tradition of excellence in teaching, combining knowledge, technique and technology in every area of modern medicine. Through its Graduate Medical Education programs, AMC has trained more than 1,200 physicians.

AMC is affiliated with:

- Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University
- Mercer University School of Medicine
- Morehouse School of Medicine
- Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
- Ross University School of Medicine

Family Medicine Center (Located 17 Miles From Downtown)

- 22 state of the art examination rooms
- 2 treatment rooms equipped with casting, splinting, minor surgery supplies; and flexible sigmoidoscope, cryosurgery, colposcope, spirometry, slit lamp and ultrasound
- Exercise Treadmill Testing Room
- Counseling room for private family discussions and counseling sessions
- Conference room for lectures and meetings
- Individual resident cubicles
- 4 exam rooms equipped with video monitoring
- Library with current texts and journals
- Computers for each resident in clinic with Internet access, scanner, and other special software
- Volunteer opportunities at the Good Shepherd Clinic (free clinic in area)

Benefits Include:

- A minimum of One Day in Seven Free From Hospital Duties
- Annual Vacation: 3 weeks
- Business Travel
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
- Free Membership at Highland Athletic Club Adjacent to Hospital
- Free Parking
- Internet Access and PACS (Radiology) available throughout the Hospital
- iPad Mini
- Jury and Bereavement Leave
- Library access 24 Hours daily/free medical searches and article retrieval
- On-call Meal Reimbursement
- Pleasant On-call Quarters
- Professional Liability Insurance
- Resident-Led Medical Ward Teams
- Scholarships



Core Benefits

Available to full time employees at no cost, these benefits include: Basic Employee Life Insurance, Basic Personal Accident Insurance and Long Term Disability coverage.

Medical/Dental/Vision Plans

Choose from comprehensive options in all three areas. You have 31 days beginning on your date of hire/rehire to enroll. Your coverage will begin on the first day of the month following 30 days of continuous full-time or eligible part-time employment.

Disability Plan

Fulltime employees may purchase Short-term and Critical Illness coverage. You have 31 days beginning on your date of hire/rehire to enroll. Your coverage will begin on the first day of the month following 30 days of continuous full-time or eligible part-time employment.

Life, Disability and Voluntary Benefits Plans

Life Insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance are available to you, your spouse, and children. You have 31 days beginning on your date of hire/rehire to enroll. Your coverage will begin on the first day of the month following 30 days of continuous full-time or eligible part-time employment.

Reimbursement Accounts

Set aside pre-tax dollars to pay for out-of-pocket medical and dependent care expenses. You have 31 days beginning on your date of hire/rehire to enroll. Your coverage will begin on the first day of the month following 30 days of continuous full-time or eligible part-time employment.

403(b) Retirement Plan

All team members are immediately eligible to participate in the 403(b) plan. There is no waiting period to begin your contributions. Participating employees will receive a company match on their contributions of up to 4% of their base salaries.

Resident Salary

The 2016 – 2017 Annual Resident Salary is as follows:

PGY-1	\$54,130
PGY-2	\$55,426
PGY-3	\$57,309
PGY-4	\$60,661
PGY-5	\$63,181

Atlanta, GA

At every turn, rich Atlanta history is revealed through the people and events that grew this settlement into an international city with a population close to 5.5 million people. The roads you travel through Atlanta were worn from the Native Americans who first called this land home. The beautiful and serene greenspaces once were the battlefields of a nation torn apart in civil war. From the many railroad tracks crossing the area to the skyscrapers lining Peachtree Street to the world's busiest airport, the story of two centuries of changing Atlanta, Georgia history unfolds.



Located at the foothills of the southern Appalachians, the landscape of Atlanta is predominantly characterized by rolling hills and broad, smooth uplands. The Chattahoochee River is one of the most prominent natural features of Atlanta. It forms the northwestern boundary of the city, flowing through a valley, which ranges from 150 to 400 feet in depth and from two to five miles in width from rim to rim. On the eastern side of the metro area, Stone Mountain rises high above the tallest pines. At 825 feet tall, it is the world's largest free-standing piece of exposed granite.

Despite having a mild Atlanta climate, the city does experience all four seasons. The average annual temperature is 61 degrees. July is the hottest month, averaging 89 degrees and January is the coldest, with the average low at 33 degrees. With less than two inches of annual snowfall, it's not easy to ski or sled, but you can enjoy more than 100 golf courses, 200 public tennis courts and hundreds of miles of hiking and biking trails more than 300 days a year. The moderate Atlanta climate also allows us to take advantage of many outdoor festivals, concert venues and parks nearly year-round.

Atlanta's neighborhoods create the landscape of this beautiful city. There's legendary shopping in Buckhead at Phipps Plaza, Lenox Square, boutiques and galleries. Midtown is the heart of the arts with the High Museum, Alliance Theatre and Fox Theatre, plus the Atlanta BeltLine, dining and extensive nightlife. The convention and entertainment district is home to the Georgia Aquarium, World of Coca-Cola, The Center for Civil and Human Rights, Inside CNN Studio Tour, and Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta.



Regardless of your favorite, Atlanta has a sports event for you, ranging from professional teams to college teams to NASCAR to the Peachtree Road Race, which has been the world's largest 10K race since 1990. Atlanta has a number of professional teams including, The Atlanta Beat

(Women's Soccer), Atlanta Braves (MLB), Atlanta Dream (Women's Basketball), Atlanta Falcons (Football), Atlanta Hawks (Men's Basketball), Atlanta Silverbacks (Men's Soccer), Georgia Force (Arena Football), Gwinnett Braves (AAA Baseball), and the Gwinnett Gladiators (Hockey). Some of the top events include the Chick-Fil-A Bowl, The SEC Championship, and The Tour Championship (PGA).



Faculty

George W. Brown, MD; Program Director

Undergraduate: Davidson College, Davidson, NC

Medical School: University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

Residency: University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Boarded in Geriatrics

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Undergraduate: Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Medical School: Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, GA

Residency: Atlanta Medical Center, Atlanta, GA

Fellowship: Emory University, Wesley Woods, Geriatrics

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Undergraduate: University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Medical School: Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

Residency: Atlanta Medical Center, Atlanta, GA

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Undergraduate: Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Medical School: Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Residency: University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Michael Kraft, MD

Undergraduate: Alvernia University, Reading, PA

Medical School: Ross University, Dominica, West Indies

Residency: Drexel / Hahnemann, Philadelphia, PA

Fellowship: Christiana Care Health System, Wilmington, DE, Sports Medicine

Patrice Pearson, MD

Undergraduate: University of Illinois at Urbana

Medical School: Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Residency: Atlanta Medical Center, Atlanta, GA

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Undergraduate: South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD

Masters: South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD

Doctorate: University of Georgia, Athens, GA

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Director of Community Oriented Primary Care and Preventative Medicine

Undergraduate: State University of New York at Buffalo

Medical School: Medical University of the Americas

Residency: Preventative Medicine, Georgia Department of Public Health

PhD: Nutrition, Donsbach University, Geographic Epidemiology Public Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Master: Public Health (honorary), Emory University, Atlanta, GA



Residents

PGY-3

Michael Creppy, MD

Undergraduate: University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario
Medical School: Medical University of the Americas, Nevis

Sydney Deal, MD

Undergraduate: Baylor University, Waco, TX
Medical School: Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Lubbock, TX

Randy Hines, II, MD

Undergraduate: Prairie View A & M University, Prairie View, TX
Medical School: University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

Junwen Law, MD

Undergraduate: Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA
Medical School: Michigan State University, Lansing, MI

Michael MacIntire, MD

Undergraduate: Washington University, Saint Louis, MO
Medical School: Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN

Neety Patel, MD

Undergraduate: York University, Toronto, Ontario
Medical School: All Saints University School of Medicine, Dominica

PGY-2

Margaret Erwood, MD

Undergraduate: University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Medical School: University of Iowa Medical School, Iowa City, IA

Daroine Jean-Charles, MD

Undergraduate: Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
Medical School: St. George's University, Grenada, West Indies

Rebecca Jones, DO

Undergraduate: Troy University, Troy, AL
Medical School: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia, PA

Francisco Prada, MD

Undergraduate: Lynn University, Boca Raton, FL
Medical School: American University of Antigua, Antigua

Sool Kee Song, MD

Undergraduate: University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Medical School: St. George's University, Grenada, West Indies

Davon Thomas, MD

Undergraduate: Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Medical School: Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

PGY-1

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Undergraduate: University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica, West Indies

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Undergraduate: St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada
Medical School: American University of Integrative Sciences, St. Marteen School of Medicine, St. Marteen

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Undergraduate: Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA
Medical School: Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica, West Indies

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Undergraduate: University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
Medical School: St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada

Sarah Edmonson, MD

Undergraduate: University of Victoria, Victoria, BC Canada
Medical School: American University of Antigua College of Medicine, Antigua

Pelham Williams, MD

Undergraduate: Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA
Medical School: Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN

Curriculum Year 1

General Interns on Medicine, Surgery, and Obstetrics function exactly the same as residents in that department. All call is with that service. Our reputation with the other departments is excellent, so we are treated very well. Interns are excused Tuesday mornings for Grand Rounds and for weekly clinic.

Internal Medicine Two months. Two months are spent on one of three General Internal Medicine Services. Call on general services is q4 days. Call is all ER call devoted to admissions and management of your own hospital patients. Call on this service is 5-6 calls/month. House/ICU call done by other medicine services.

Inpatient Cardiology One month. Service is run by one Cardiologist group, along with a 2nd/3rd year medicine resident and one other intern. Your patient panel will include adults, labor and post partum patients, newborns, and prisoner care. Emphasis on EKG's, acute management, and invasive management. Call is 5-6 calls/month as House Medical officer. Preference given on call for all Cardiology admissions.

Surgery One month of Trauma/ICU. Focus on trauma resuscitation and treatment, surgical management of trauma and complications, and ICU management of all ICU surgery patients. Our focus is on management of surgical problems rather than OR time, but it is available as much as desired. Plenty of opportunities for procedures.

Obstetrics Two months. Primary responsibility is Labor and Delivery/Triage. Supervisors will be nurse midwives and attendings. No other residents are on this service.

Inpatient Pediatrics Two months. This is done at Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Atlanta with a prominent group of 7 pediatric hospitalists. Usually around 10 tutorials are scheduled with various hospital attendings to discuss aspects of inpatient and outpatient pediatric care. Opportunities exist on call for work in the ER or for casting with upper level Orthopedic residents. There is one week of float nights per month.

Emergency Room One month. Management of the gambit of acute (or not so acute) problems presenting to a busy ER. Intern assumes primary management of patients with checkout to attending. Attendings are excellent and are active in teaching procedures. Interns work 180 hours (usually fifteen 12 hour shifts) in the ER, in addition to Grand Rounds and weekly clinic. Shifts are busy and are divided into day, night, and swing shifts. Schedule is worked out by all residents in the ER that month. No call.

Pulmonary ICU One month. Resident works with the Medical ICU team of medical residents and Pulmonologists. Emphasis on vent management, sepsis, ARDS, invasive monitoring and ICU management from a medical (as opposed to surgical) standpoint. Resident is generally responsible for 3-8 ICU patients. Same call as cardiology.

Behavioral Medicine This is done in December and is based at the family medicine center. Behavior medicine has many components. All residents complete & discuss personal genealogies & patient home interviews. This month involves plenty of work at home, but there is no call. (Interns are required to take the week around Christmas off as one week of their vacation.)

Family Medicine Inpatient Service One month. Second year resident essentially runs the inpatient service with third year and attending in a supervisory role. Your patient panel will include adults, labor and post partum patients, newborns, and prisoner care. You have lots of autonomy to make decisions. There is teaching from the faculty every morning on admissions, phone calls, or desired topics.

Curriculum Year 2

General All call during second year is in-house Family Medicine call. Residents are responsible for management of the inpatient service, all admissions and ER visits for our patients, OB triage and deliveries, and phone calls for several Family Medicine practices in addition to our own. We get plenty of experience with phone medicine. Backup is a third-year resident on home call who comes in to the hospital for ICU admissions, OB deliveries, and as needed. Call is taken during every month except ER and FPC months. Call is divided each month between six residents who make their own schedule. Residents have one to three clinics each month, depending on their current rotation. All rotations are one month unless specified. The location of most second-year rotations is up to the individual resident with lots of opportunities available. All second-year residents are assigned two nursing home patients to manage. Residents visit the nursing home once a month on designated days, and as needed. There is always a faculty member there on scheduled resident days for questions and teaching.

Family Medicine Clinic One month. Spent seeing patients daily in our clinic. This month is excellent for building up your patient population. Resident is responsible for all aspects of management of Family Medicine patients, with lots of autonomy to make decisions. Practice management is also stressed. In this rotation, home visit is required.

Family Medicine Inpatient Service Two months. Second year resident essentially runs the inpatient service with third year and attending in a supervisory role. Third year will become more involved with an exceptionally busy service. Resident is responsible for all aspects of management of Family Medicine patients, with lots of autonomy to make decisions. There is teaching from the faculty every morning on admissions, phone calls, or desired topics.

Outpatient Gynecology Resident works in 2 private GYN offices, one of which is geared primarily towards uninsured or underinsured patients. Plenty of opportunities for procedures such as IUD insertions and removals, and colposcopies. Responsibility varies from observational to primary contact.

Outpatient Pediatrics Resident works with a private pediatrician 2 and a half days per week. Emphasis is on well-baby evaluation and common childhood diseases. During this rotation, experience is gained by seeing a large quantity of patients to obtain the "bread and butter" knowledge of pediatrics.

Gastroenterology Resident works with an attending in a busy outpatient clinic. Focus is on clinical GI, but opportunities to observe colonoscopies and EGDs are also available. One-on-one teaching with attending is excellent.

Outpatient Cardiology Resident works with an attending. Emphasis is on outpatient management, cardiac exam, and exercise stress testing. Resident will generally perform all treadmills under faculty supervision. Experience is also given in other non-invasive cardiac testing (Thallium, stress echo, etc.).

Orthopedics Resident works in the orthopedic office on site at the hospital as well as with an adjunct attending 2-4 half days a week. Multiple opportunities available for procedures such as joint injections and aspirations. Casting opportunities are also available (can also be done as an elective in 3rd year).

Emergency Room Similar to first year except resident is expected to handle more patients.

Neurology One month. Resident works with a Neurology practice seeing a wide variety of pathology. Each physician has different styles, so a broad base of learning is available. Emphasis is on outpatient Neurology, but resident can do inpatient rounds and consults if desired.

Sports Medicine One month. Ambulatory experience with an emphasis on sports medicine relevant to the practicing family physician.

Curriculum Year 3

General Emphasis is much more on outpatient experience. Resident usually has 4 clinics per week. Clinic patient load can run anywhere from 6 per half day up to as many as 10 at busy times. Third year call is home call supervising the second year in the hospital and in-hospital call. Call is divided up by the 6 third year residents. Third year residents add an extra nursing home patient for a total of 3. In-hospital call is 1-2 times per month.

Family Medicine Center One month. Same as in second year.

Family Medicine Inpatient Service Two months as supervising resident on the inpatient service. Resident oversees second year and assists with running the service – essentially acting as an attending.

Urology Two weeks. Spent with two partners in a very busy practice. Both partners love to teach. The rotation is outpatient, but residents are welcome on the wards or in the OR if desired.

Radiology Two weeks. Resident works with one of two radiologists in a large multispecialty group. Time is divided between reading daily films, doing procedures, and exploring a large teaching file.

Dermatology One Month. Resident works in 2-3 private Dermatology practices. Lots of teaching. Opportunities are available for procedures. Includes Pediatric Dermatology.

Otolaryngology Two weeks. Outpatient ENT. Great teaching and didactics from ENT's. Approximately 50% adults and 50% Peds. Resident gets experience with office procedures.

Ophthalmology Two weeks. Resident has the choice of working at several clinics, including an excellent Pediatric Ophthalmology practice. Improvement in the Ophthalmology exam and the slit lamp are emphasized.

Geriatrics One month. Emphasis is on outpatient Geriatrics. Computer tutorials are also used. We have had several residents go into Geriatrics.

Behavioral Medicine One month. Four half days per week: 2 tutorial, 2 clinical. The focus of the 2 days per week tutorials are on refreshing DSM IV multi-axial assessment and diagnostics, common outpatient psychotropics, chronic illness and family systems, substance abuse assessment and intervention, review of resident-patient interactions on videotape.

Electives Four months. Can sometimes be split into 2 week blocks. Established electives include: Pediatric Subspecialties at Scottish Rite, Pediatric ER at Scottish Rite, Dermatology, Rheumatology, Nephrology, Obstetrics, Endocrinology, Rural Medicine, Research, Infectious Disease, Anesthesiology and Integrative Medicine.

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