The Florida State University College of Medicine

Internal Medicine Residency Program

at Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare
What Are **You** Expecting in a Residency Program?

After your graduate from medical school, one of the most important choices you can make is where to pursue your residency training. As a soon-to-be resident, with high hopes for your upcoming medical career, you want to train with the most experienced physicians and benefit from the best technology available in your chosen field.

At The Florida State University (FSU) College of Medicine Internal Medicine Residency Program located at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, our faculty and staff are dedicated to making your great expectations a reality.
Welcome and thank you for your interest in our residency program. Newly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), it is sponsored by the FSU College of Medicine and operated in conjunction with Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare (TMH). Our program is dedicated to meeting the health-care needs of the communities we serve.

We are committed to providing a dynamic, engaging education offering exposure to a wide array of clinical and research opportunities in internal medicine. Our program offers the right balance of didactic experiences through morning report, lectures and journal club, and an emphasis on bedside teaching and mastery of clinical skills. Our emphasis on medical student education enhances the training of our residents; teaching is learning twice. We are dedicated to teaching competent, outstanding physicians in an academic and collegial environment.

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TMH is a 772-bed acute care hospital designed to meet the diverse health care needs of the Big Bend region and is part of a private, not-for-profit health care system serving 16 counties in North Florida and South Georgia. TMH is home to the Big Bend’s only accredited community hospital program, and the region’s only state-designated Level II Trauma Center. It is the eighth largest hospital in Florida and has a time-honored commitment to providing patient-centered, world-class health care to our community. Our Residency Program's ambulatory clinic is part of the hospital campus and provides comfortable consultation and examination rooms. In addition, our recently renovated residency conference rooms and education facilities adjacent to the ambulatory clinic have state-of-the art technology.

The FSU College of Medicine has an outstanding medical education center. The Charlotte E. Maguire, M.D. and Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare Clinical Skills & Simulation Center allows residents to participate in training that provides opportunities for gaining clinical experience and skills development in a no-risk environment, and the Maguire Medical Library's numerous holdings are more than 95 percent electronic. Residents may access these resources online 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

TRAINING the Resident to TEACH:

Internal medicine (IM) residents assist in teaching FSU College of Medicine students. First- and second-year students may be assigned preceptorships with faculty in the resident clinic. Third-year students do their internal medicine clerkship at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare and fourth-year students are scheduled for required sub-internships and electives in general and subspecialty medicine.
As a new program, our IM Residency Program will build to a complement of 24 residents (8 residents in each year). It is a categorical three-year training program leading to certification by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Residents are encouraged to pursue research and scholarly endeavors. The program provides its residents with the resources, time and logistical support to be successful in this area. For those residents who have a strong interest in research, the faculty will assist the resident to identify and select an appropriate research topic that is aligned with career plans and/or fellowship education. The IM Program encourages our residents to present their research at the FSU College of Medicine’s Research Fair and regional and national scientific meetings, and will assist in some funding for these activities.

The mission of the IM Program is to develop master clinicians with the skills necessary to become leaders in medical education, research and service in a variety of health-related fields. The clinical care provided by our graduates will be patient-centered, compassionate, respectful and grounded in a broad base of knowledge that is constantly updated with current literature.

The IM Program has been carefully planned to fulfill the requirements of the Internal Medicine Residency Review Committee (RRC) of the ACGME. The curriculum offers a broad and balanced experience in both ambulatory and inpatient settings that prepare the graduate for a career in general internal medicine, either primary care, hospital medicine or to continue training in a subspecialty. By the end of the three-year program, graduating residents leave as skilled and confident practitioners in the care and treatment of major acute and chronic diseases.

Full-time faculty conduct daily rounds on admitted patients and supervise residents in the ambulatory clinic and the hospital. The faculty provide oversight and assist in patient care at all times. Residents are responsible for the work-up of patients, for writing all orders, and for performing diagnostic procedures and therapy. Additionally, there are daily conferences and teaching rounds in the various medical subspecialties, weekly grand rounds, clinical pathology and medical radiology conferences. The collaboration between FSU and TMH provides a foundation for transformational learning and allows residents to have innovative and inspirational experiences.
The Florida State University (FSU) College of Medicine is committed to Graduate Medical Education (GME) as central to its mission to maintain a scholarly environment that is dedicated to excellence in education, medical care and research. The FSU College of Medicine seeks to educate tomorrow’s physicians and medical scientists and will provide the financial support and infrastructure to do so. We will provide educational and human resources in order to achieve, at minimum, substantial compliance with the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Requirements. We further commit ourselves to doing regular assessments (internal reviews) of the quality of the GME programs, the performance of their residents, and the use of outcome assessment results for program improvement.

The FSU College of Medicine provides an environment of organized GME programs in which residents develop personal, ethical, clinical and professional competence under careful guidance and supervision. Programs will assure the safe and appropriate care of patients and the progression of residents/physician responsibility consistent with each trainee’s demonstrated clinical experience. The GME program is designed to provide residents and fellows with knowledge, skills and values that can serve as the basis for competent and compassionate clinical practice, scholarly research and public service.

Residents are encouraged to develop a process for self-evaluation and moral reflection to sustain a lifetime of responsible and committed practice of medicine. The educational program prepares residents to continue their own education and to teach their patients, colleagues and medical residents throughout their careers. We are committed to ensuring that our graduates understand the scientific foundation of medicine and apply that knowledge to clinical practice and extend that knowledge through scholarly activities. In addition, we provide the experience necessary for residents to master the clinical skills necessary to evaluate and care for their patients.

The FSU College of Medicine is committed to having an organized administrative system, including a Graduate Medical Education Committee and Designated Institutional Official, in compliance with ACGME institutional requirements.
Welcome to the Florida State University Graduate Medical Education Programs. We are excited that you are exploring our innovative programs designed to prepare competent and compassionate physicians to practice up-to-date, high-quality, patient-centered medicine. We strive for excellence in education and medical care and expect our residents to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to be effective clinicians and lifelong learners. Our trainees participate in scholarly activities and help drive quality improvement and patient safety activities in our clinical institutions.

About Our Graduate Medical Education Programs

Our faculty members are invested in graduate medical education, and many are recognized in their fields for their expertise in clinical care, medical education and scholarly pursuits. Our program directors are committed to providing an outstanding educational environment. All of our programs are accredited by the ACGME.

The FSU Graduate Medical Education programs are unique in that they are dispersed throughout the State of Florida. We have clinical partnerships with multiple community-based training sites. While our residents train in the communities and hospitals in which they may ultimately live and practice, they also have the advantages of institutional affiliation with The Florida State University College of Medicine for access to the latest resources for medical education, an extensive online library and a statewide clinical research network. The Florida State University College of Medicine is committed to preparing the next generation of physicians, with a special emphasis on primary care disciplines and service to the underserved, rural and elderly populations.

We invite you to explore our programs (www.med.fsu.edu) and find one that is suited to helping you achieve your professional goals.

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Our Home - About Tallahassee

Places to visit and things to do include:

- Cape San Blas Lighthouse
- St. George Island State Park
  - Wakulla Springs
  - Red Hills Horse Trials
- St. Marks Historic Railroad Trail
- Maclay Gardens State Park
  - Winter Festival
  - The Artist Series
- Tallahassee Automobile Museum
- Springtime Tallahassee Parade
  - Bradley’s Fun Day
  - Market Days
  - Downtown Getdowns
- Historic Capitol (*pictured on the cover*)

Where It All Comes Together

These are just a few of the numerous cultural and educational opportunities offered throughout the year. There is something for everyone in Tallahassee, the capital of Florida. It’s a great place to call home!

For more information on the FSU College of Medicine Internal Medicine Residency Program, please phone our residency coordinator at 850.431.7910 or visit us online at www.med.fsu.edu.