

## Family Medicine Residency

### Our Department

Our Family Medicine Residency is a three-year program that sponsors six residents per year. Thirteen physicians comprise our core faculty as well as one behavioral specialist. They are a diverse group with experience in rural and urban private practice, operative obstetrics, sports medicine, geriatric medicine, medical mission work, and military service. Our graduates have traversed nearly every avenue of family medicine nationwide and abroad from community practice in various settings to fellowship training, academics, as well as medical missions.

### Family Medicine Residency Curriculum

Our curriculum is designed to provide an extensive variety of experiences to prepare future Family Physicians for “real world” practice of “Family” Medicine. As continuity of care is very important to our practice and patients, all our inpatient medicine rotations take place on our Family Medicine inpatient service. Additionally, our residents see their own panel of patients which grows with each year. Our sponsoring institution, Erlanger Health System, is the nation’s 7th<sup>th</sup> largest public hospital, the area’s only tertiary care center, including a level I trauma center, and offers wide-ranging pathology while maintaining the collegial atmosphere of a community hospital. Children’s Hospital, part of the Erlanger campus, has a level III NICU, pediatric inpatient beds, pediatric intensive care unit, and an emergency department. Our residents learn alongside other primary care trainees in pediatrics, surgery, internal medicine, obstetrics, and emergency medicine throughout the three-year program. This diversity of trainees provides synergy and other perspectives which greatly expand educational opportunities throughout our hospital system. The Family Medicine Inpatient Team cares for our practice’s hospitalized patients as well as functioning as a hospitalist service for over twenty community family physicians. Residents are afforded adequate time for self-study and reading, as well as a healthy family and social life. Our program also offers a rotation in minor procedures which assists each resident in mastering common Family Medicine procedures. Residents are also provided training in ultrasound.



We offer four months of extensive electives which allow each resident to tailor his or her education to the future setting of choice for each resident. Our program offers intentional tracks in women’s health, sports medicine, emergency medicine, and academic faculty development. Opportunities exist for residents with special interest in sports medicine to participate in caring for high school and Division I college athletes. We have a very high success rate of placing residents in sports medicine, advanced obstetrics, emergency medicine, and palliative care fellowships.

### UT Family Practice Center

The UT Family Practice Center is the primary learning site for our residents, and it provides a comfortable, spacious environment to teach the full spectrum of Family Medicine. It is a 36,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility that was designed by our department chair, opened in 1997 and is located across the street from the main Erlanger campus. We have laboratory and x-ray services on site, and we also offer occupational medicine services within our office. The academic areas house resident and faculty offices, a library, and a large conference room with multimedia capabilities.

### Student Experience

Our department is part of the Chattanooga campus for the UT College of Medicine with both third and fourth year student rotators. Junior internships and advanced clerkships are available for fourth year students from allopathic and osteopathic schools. Electives within Family Medicine can be customized to each student’s interest.

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