University of Alabama at Birmingham

Internal Medicine Residency Program

Focusing on Diversity

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Our Program

The UAB Internal Medicine Residency Training Program offers three tracks of training through the National Resident Matching Program, with the three-year categorical track, providing optional choices for training in the Primary Care or Women’s Health Tracks.

- Internal Medicine Categorical
- ABIM Research Pathway
- Medicine / Pediatrics

Curriculum

PGY-1:
- One weekly continuity clinic
- 9 ward months: MICU, CCU, University Hospital, county hospital, VA hospital, and subspecialty months (GI, Heme/Onc, Pulmonary, and Renal)

PGY-2/PGY-3:
- Two weekly continuity clinics
- 6 ward and 6 non-ward months (mini-fellowships, research electives and consult months)

ABIM Research Pathway:
- 2 Years Clinical Medicine
- Guaranteed Fellowship Match
- State-Of-The-Art Research in your Fellowship Subspecialty

Medical Student Clerkship Opportunities

Interested in a 4th year visiting student rotation?

We offer a variety of inpatient and consult months in:
- Cardiology
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology and Hepatology
- General Medicine (UAB, VA, and CGH)
- Hematology-Oncology
- Infectious Diseases
- Nephrology
- Palliative Care
- Pulmonary and Critical Care
- Rheumatology

See details at:
http://medicine.uab.edu/education/48419

Funding is available to qualified applicants to cover travel expenses and lodging. Please contact us at visiting@uab.edu for scholarship details.

About Birmingham

Birmingham, AL was founded in 1871. In the 1950s and 1960s it was recognized as the major center for the Civil Rights Movement, including such monumental occasions as: the “Freedom Riders” and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr’s “Project C.” Currently, Birmingham is a thriving, progressive metropolis with UAB nestled in its center.

Demographics
- 73% African American
- 24% Caucasian
- 2% Hispanic
- 0.2% Native American
- Median income = $27,000 (city area)
- Population = 1,2 million (metro area)

Attractions
- Birmingham Civil Rights Institute
- Birmingham Zoo
- Vulcan Park
- Birmingham Museum of Art
- Botanical Gardens

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Faculty Profiles

Carlos Estrada, MD, MS
Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia
Henry Ford Hospital (Internal Medicine)
Henry Ford Hospital, University of Michigan (General Internal Medicine Fellowship)

"Being on faculty at UAB is enjoyable because of the diversity of the workforce. Having faculty members and residents from different backgrounds allows us to better identify with patients, in turn leading to improved patient care and greater patient satisfaction."

Richard Sims, MD
Harvard Medical School
Harlem Hospital (Internal Medicine)
University of Pennsylvania Hospital (Geriatrics)

"I look forward everyday to teaching residents and medical students alike, and truly believe that a diverse housestaff leads to an enhanced educational experience for all."

Raegan Durant, MD, MPH
Johns Hopkins University
Duke University Hospital (Internal Medicine)
Harvard Medical School (General Internal Medicine Fellowship)

"I was originally drawn to UAB by the extensive research opportunities and nurturing professional environment, and have been extremely satisfied during my time here. My research interest lies in studying heart failure in minority patients, and I have been able to explore this issue thoroughly with full support from my colleagues."

Where We Work

Ranked among the Top 10 in Primary Care, AIDS, and health services administration, UAB University Hospital is Alabama’s major general/acute and tertiary care center and the centerpiece of the UAB Medical Center. A teaching hospital for more than 50 years, UAB Hospital is licensed for 908 beds.

"U.S. News and World Report, 2011"

The Birmingham Veterans Affairs Medical Center (BVAMC), structurally connected to UAB Hospital through the VA Research Wing, houses 135 beds, 56 of which are assigned to the medical service. The BVAMC is a major site for the clinical teaching activities of the Department of Medicine. BVAMC physicians hold full faculty appointment at UAB, providing educational services as attending physicians to the general medicine and consultative services.

The municipal hospital for Jefferson County, Cooper Green Mercy Hospital provides a broad range of primary, secondary, and tertiary care. The hospital is adjacent to the UAB Medical Center. Cooper Green Hospital’s internal medicine section complements UAB Hospital’s educational programs by promoting efficient management of the complex social and medical needs of a diverse group of patients.

Resident Profiles

Shawna Reshard, MD
Xavier University of Louisiana
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

"I was attracted to UAB because of the strong and balanced programs of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics. Since starting residency at UAB, I have not been disappointed. UAB has it all—excellent medicine, enthusiastic teaching, and great people who are passionate about patient care."

Latesha Elopre, MD
Florida State University
University of Florida School of Medicine

"In any community, physician trust and faith are of paramount importance to high quality healthcare. At UAB, the majority of patients treated are underrepresented minorities and we strive to enhance the doctor-patient relationship by producing strong, culturally sensitive physicians."

Shani Woolard, MD
Duke University
University of Maryland School of Medicine

"The variety of hospital settings in which UAB residents serve, the vast array of international opportunities, and the diversity of the patient population of Birmingham, AL are what have made my experience in UAB’s internal medicine program truly enjoyable."