

Douglas, Wyoming

Family Medicine Clerkship

Wyoming



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Douglas, Wyoming (population 6200) is home to the Wyoming State Fair (every August), the Wyoming Pioneer Museum, and the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy. Agriculture remains important culturally with active ranching of horses, sheep, and cows. Rodeo is another iconic part of the community's activities. However, the energy industry is dominant in the economy. Our economy ebbs and flows with the cycle of coal and uranium mines, railroads and oil industry. Douglas also claims ready access to year-round outdoor sporting activities including hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, skiing and golfing. The North Platte River traverses our town and Glendo Reservoir and Laramie Peak are nearby. For more information please feel free to visit www.cityofdouglaswy.org

During your rotation in Douglas you will primarily be seeing patients in the outpatient setting. Your time will be split between 4 Family Medicine Doctors – Dr. Deeanne Engle, Dr. Alexander Lansang, Dr. Casey Starks, and Dr. Patrick Yost. We encourage you to play an integral role in our care team, including taking call for deliveries and pediatric hospitalizations. You will also have the opportunity to spend time with any of our subspecialists.

MHCC is 25-bed critical access hospital with a separate modern medical office building built in 2015. We are a unique rural microcosm of health care offering a breadth of services not typically available in such a small town. We have a DaVinci Si Robotics Program; surgical specialties of Orthopedics, Neurosurgery, ENT, and Urology; dedicated radiologists, hospitalists and ER physicians. Our patients also have access to the Douglas Care Center, our local nursing home, and Mountain Lodge Assisted Living with a dedicated Alzheimer's unit.



Primary Preceptor:**Casey Starks, M.D., Family Medicine**

Dr. Starks was born in Cheyenne, WY but grew up mainly in Colorado. She graduated from the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine and did her residency in Wray, CO through the North Colorado Family Medicine Residency Rural Training Track.



Two to three weeks ahead of clerkship start date: Email Dr. Starks and Elaine Litwiller, introduce yourself, send your Student Summary Sheet, and ask what credentials are needed to get set-up with the Medical Clinic and Hospital. Please update us with when you plan to arrive.

**Logistics:**

Douglas is conveniently located on I-25 about 2 hours North of Cheyenne, 1 hour East of Casper. Casper, Wyoming is the closest “big” city and airport (about 50 miles away). We would be happy to help with transportation to and from the Casper airport if needed. Please be aware though, having a vehicle while in Douglas will make getting around much more convenient. We have two grocery stores in town, local hardware stores and several small shops. Casper has more of the amenities of most suburban cities.

Housing:

Student housing is provided at the historic and modernized Morton Mansion. This is a famous residence on the Historic Registry, located across the street from the hospital, about 3 blocks from the medical office building. Each student has access to a private suite with a private bathroom/shower. Wi-Fi is available. You will also be provided a laptop with access to our EMR, bedding, TV, desk, microwave, refrigerator. The house has a shared kitchen and laundry facilities. No pets allowed. Mail can be sent to the hospital c/o Elaine Litwiller 111 South 5th St.; Douglas, Wyoming 82633.

Dining:

We will provide you with a meal card for free food at our hospital cafeteria. There are designated breakfast, lunch and dinner times. The food is actually quite tasty for hospital food. Douglas does have several restaurants we encourage you to try as well.