FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER

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# PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS

1. Email Dr. Darnell at bmdarnell1971@gmail.com or call 307-621-0047 at any time prior to your rotation to check on living accommodations or to arrange for any special transportation or personal needs. If Dr. Darnell cannot be reached, Crystal Smith BSN, RN, ANCL can also be contacted at 307-620-2032. We can arrange to pick you up at the airport if needed. The house key can be picked up in the emergency department at the hospital upon arrival. Rotation begins Monday morning at 7:30 am where you will meet Dr. Darnell in the hospital foyer. If the clerkship is scheduled to begin on an official University of Washington holiday, you will not be expected to work that day.
2. Be sure to email the completed Student Summary Sheet to Dr. Darnell at bmdarnell1971@gmail.com, Kristen Hepp, RN at kristenh@jchealthcare.com and Crystal Smith BSN, RN, ANCL at crystals@jchealthcare.com two weeks before the starting date of your rotation.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Site Information: Dr. Darnell and eight partners precept the clerkship. Each of them are board-certified family practitioners. There is one general surgeon in the office and three midlevel providers. Students will work around a variety of providers and get hands on experience in all aspects of rural family medicine including Emergency Medicine and Obstetrics.

Clinic/Hospital: The Family Medical Clinic is located in the hospital and provides a unique opportunity to experience all aspects of family practice. The hospital has acute (25 bed) care beds with ICU/CCU, Obstetrical ward, Surgery, and 24-hr ER. The hospital has fully equipped Lab and Radiology departments, including CT, US, and MRI. The hospital lab and X-Ray are also used by the clinic.

Housing: Students stay in a two-bedroom fully furnished house. The house has a fully equipped kitchen. All linens, washer, dryer, are provided as well as cable TV and internet access. Bring personal items. A grocery store is about two blocks from the student housing. Families are welcome, no pets.

Address: 1062 Fort Street, Buffalo, Wyoming 82834

Transportation: Bringing a car is strongly recommended, but with adequate advance notice and discussion with the Site Coordinator, you can be picked up from either airport in Billings, Montana (2.5 hours away) or in Sheridan, Wyoming (about 30 minutes away).

Highway access to Buffalo is via I-90 and is approximately 970 miles from Seattle.

Dress: Business casual dress is the norm in clinic. The basic objective of the clerkship is to give you first-hand experience in rural family medicine. Patients have been told that students will be involved in their care. You should make a point of wearing your UW nametag and introduce yourself as a student physician working with the practice as part of your medical studies at the University of Washington.

Meals:Meals can be obtained at the hospital cafeteria while at work. Lunch is free.

Recreation: Student membership at the YMCA. Bring clothes and equipment to match the season; e.g, fishing and backpacking in the summer, and cross-country skiing in the winter~~.~~