FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER

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# PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS

1. TWO weeks prior to the start of your rotation, email Dr Darnell to check in and confirm your arrival date. Please be sure to attach the completed Student Summary Sheet. Any special transportation needs can be arranged at this time. We can arrange to pick you up at a local airport with advanced notice, although having your own car while in Buffalo is highly encouraged.
2. The house key can be picked up in the emergency department at the hospital upon arrival.
3. The rotation begins Monday morning at 0730 where you will meet Dr Darnell in the hospital foyer.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Site Information: Dr. Darnell and seven 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 an airport in Billings, Montana (2.5 hours away) in Casper, Wyoming (about 1.5 hours away) in Gillette, Wyoming (about 1 hour 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. There is no need for a white coat.

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

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