

Billings Family Medicine
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BILLINGS COMMUNITY

Billings Montana is a dynamic, growing community with a metropolitan area that has grown to more than 185,000 residents and serves one of America's largest trade areas covering much of Montana, Wyoming, North and South Dakota. Our city provides the region with outstanding medical, finance, retail, and cultural amenities. Add the scenic beauty of the Rims, Yellowstone River, Beartooth Mountains, Bighorn Canyon, and nearby Yellowstone National Park and you can see why Billings is a great place to call home!

BILLINGS TRACK GENERAL INFORMATION

Our two Level 1 trauma hospitals, Billings Clinic and Intermountain Health, formerly called St. Vincent Healthcare, practice full scope patient care to provide specialty care to an area larger than the entire northeastern United States.

The Billings Family Medicine rotations are based out of RiverStone Health, a community health teaching center, working directly with the Montana Family Medicine Residency, a recognized Patient-Centered Medical Home and two hospital-affiliated outpatient clinics. Our faculty is committed to high-quality patient care and has a longstanding tradition of providing educational opportunities in a supportive learning atmosphere.

During rotations, students will split their time between MFMR and Billings Clinic West/West Grand Family Outpatient clinics (off-site clinics are based on blocks of school year). Students will spend their first four weeks at Billings Clinic West or West Grand Family and their last two weeks with residents/faculty of Montana Family Medicine Residency at RiverStone Health. (Every Wednesday afternoon, students will attend didactics at RiverStone Health).

Our preceptors have extensive experience teaching. Many are affiliated with UWSOM. Our sites are multidisciplinary including pharmacy, sports medicine, osteopathic, behavioral health, and hospitalists.

LEAD PRECEPTOR CONTACTS

RiverStone Health Clinic

Lead Preceptor: Amy Solomon, MD 123 South 27th Street
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Billings Clinic West

Lead Preceptor: Daniela Mestre, MD 2675 Central Ave
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Intermountain Health/St. Vincent Healthcare West Grand

Lead Preceptor: Christopher Cancro, MD 2750 Grand Ave
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Jenny Jutz, Billings Track Coordinator, will handle the overall coordination of the track. You can contact the Billings Track Office with any questions about your rotation to make preliminary arrangements. Feel free to contact her with any questions or concerns during your time in Billings.

Preliminary Arrangements

You will receive an email from Jenny approximately 6-8 weeks prior to the start of your rotation. This email will give you all the information regarding your Family Medicine rotation; hospital onboarding requirements; orientation on your first day; necessary paperwork to be completed and housing information. Two weeks before the start of your rotation, an introductory email will be sent to you and your preceptor. This is an opportunity for the student and preceptor(s) to communicate with each other before the start of the rotation.

Arrival

You should plan to arrive in Billings no later than the day before the first day of rotation.

Orientation

Billings Clinic blocks: On the first day of the rotation, students will complete a mandatory orientation with the medical education team at Billings Clinic. Required pre-orientation paperwork is emailed to student two weeks before first day. This must be completed prior to first day of rotation; students will not be able to start without this step. Jenny Jutz will send information regarding this, in initial welcome email.

Intermountain Health/St. Vincent's Healthcare: students are required to make a profile through Complio. This can take time for processing on the hospital's end, so get this done right away! Students cannot start rotations without this step completed. Jenny Jutz will send information for this, in initial welcome email. St. Vincent's does not have a student orientation on the first day.

RiverStone Health/MFMR: students will be required to meet with Jenny Jutz on the first day of their fifth week for a specific RSH/MFMR orientation. Students will receive an email with more specific

instructions as the rotation gets closer. The lead preceptor will also meet one-on-one for a midway check-in.

Dress

The basic objective of the clerkship is for students to experience being a family physician in the community. The best way to get this experience is to emulate the physicians with whom they work. In each of these practices, the patients have been told that students will be involved in their care. Dress code will consist of business casual attire with hospital/clinic student badge always worn. Students should introduce themselves as a student physician working with the practice as part of your medical studies at the University of Washington.

Satellite and Specialty Clinic Opportunities at RiverStone Health

Healthcare for the Homeless (HCH) Clinic
School-Based Clinics (elementary, middle school, high school clinics)
Evening Walk-in Clinic
Saturday Urgent Care
Rural Clinics in Worden, Bridger, and Joliet
Ryan White Clinic
RISE Clinic
MAT-ODD Clinic
Specialty Pediatrics Clinic
Public Health shadowing opportunities
Home Care/Hospice shadowing opportunities
Integrated Behavioral Health shadowing opportunities

Clinical Work

- Observe how comprehensive health assessment, education, and care are delivered in a CHC and a homeless clinic by an interdisciplinary team.
- Develop an understanding of the role of community-based teams in supporting healthy learning and behaviors in the under-resourced populations.
- Experience the role of the physician in developing a care plan in long term care facilities.
- Utilize point-of-care mental health resources and personnel for mentally ill patients.

Education and Didactics

Students should expect to participate in a number of educational/didactic meetings:

- Frank Discussions, named after Frank Newman, one of the pioneers in the development of the WWAMI program. Frank Discussions are usually scheduled once during each rotation block at the student house. This includes the Billings Track Annual Teacher Appreciation BBQ; Geri Suit Simulation Activities; Strolling Through the Match; Writing Your Personal Statement; and more!
- MFMR Didactics - Wednesday afternoons - schedule provided during orientation. Students are expected to attend throughout the six week rotation.

Patients

Students will work with a variety of Faculty and Residents' to see a mix of family medicine patients, including lower income and the under-served. At the local hospital affiliated clinics, students will see a more typical mixture of outpatient populations. We work with all walks of life, gaining a great experience all-around!

Housing

We are happy to announce the availability of three student houses in Billings! Each are 5-bedrooms, fully furnished and all three will be shared with other students from in and out of the WWAMI Region. Amenities include wireless internet, apple tv access, washer/dryer, and dishwasher. Jenny Jutz will send housing detailed email after initial welcome email for students that are needing housing. Please review this prior to arrival. NO pets are allowed. Housing is not conducive for families traveling with students. A car is necessary for this site as you will be traveling more than a few miles from the student house during your first four weeks.

Transportation

Students are asked to provide their own transportation. You may have the opportunity to spend time in one of our outreach clinics, plus you will have time off during your rotation and want your own transportation to get out of town to explore! Some students often bring their own bikes to Billings.

Features

RiverStone Health is a community health center, and one of the first 11 Teaching Health Centers. We have had the great opportunity of moving into a brand new, state of the art building with a pod system that maximizes team-based care. We have 48 newly equipped exam rooms, procedure rooms and a large employee/student lounge.

Providers care for high-needs patients with limited resources and access to care. They learn to treat patients in the full spectrum of their illness and social milieu while using resources wisely. As a National Committee for Quality Assurance recognized Patient-Centered Medical Home, behavioral health consultants, care managers and pharmacists are integrated into clinical care teams, helping residents understand the options and resources available. We prepare our graduates to be comfortable with a wide range of practice choices from rural and frontier communities to under-served populations and everything in between. Although located in the city, we offer a full-spectrum of Family Practice, including Obstetrics, care for the hospitalized patient, Sports Medicine, Wilderness Medicine, and so much more!