



**Southwest Montana  
Community Health Center**

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Dr. Downey grew up in Southern Idaho and first moved to Montana to attend MSU, where she received a bachelor's degree in Microbiology. She spent a few years doing microbial research for the NIH in Hamilton, MT prior to attending medical school at the University of Utah School of Medicine. Her residency in Family Medicine was completed at FMRWM in Missoula. During her residency she gained additional training by completing the RHEDI program and the OB track focused on reproductive care and obstetric care respectively. Outside of work, she enjoys gardening, riding horses and spending time in the mountains with her border collie, Calamity Jane.

**Family Medicine Physicians:**


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**Students should contact the coordinators 6 – 8 weeks or more from the start of their rotation for the appropriate forms and information.**

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**Students are required to have annual TB testing at this site.  
Please follow the directions you are given from the site.  
\*Note\* this is different than the TB requirement for UW-SOM.**

**Additionally, St. James requires an annual background check.**





## CLINIC:



Founded in 1986, the Southwest Montana Community Health Center (SWMTCHC) is a Federally Qualified Health Center serving 13,000+ patients. A third of our patients live below the federal poverty line. Our patient mix is 10% uninsured, 30% Medicaid, 30% Medicare, 30% private insurance. Our catchment area includes the City and County of Butte-Silverbow and surrounding counties of southwest Montana.

We believe that every person, regardless of race, age, sex, or personal income, has the right to receive quality health care in a supportive atmosphere. Our Mission is to inspire hope and empower wellness by providing access to comprehensive healthcare.

We provide care through three physical locations, 2 retail pharmacies, homeless shelter outreach and 2 school based health centers. Our services include comprehensive medical (adult and pediatric) and dental care, clinical and retail pharmacy, integrated behavioral health and MOUD therapy. Our providers specialize in family practice, pediatrics, women's health, prenatal care, and geriatrics. Currently, the clinic has 6 full-time physicians and 13 midlevel providers including nurse practitioners and PAs. The Butte clinic is an active teaching site for students across the spectrum of healthcare including medical students and residents, pharmacy students, nursing and MA students and behavioral health students. You will regularly interact with and work alongside many students during the family medicine clerkship.

Family medicine clerkship students get to participate in outpatient procedures including biopsies, suturing, colposcopy, IUD insertion and removal, joint injections, and joint aspirations. Additionally, we utilize your clerkship time to teach time management, charting and organizational skills. Clerkship students have their own panel of patients to manage during their time with us. Your days are primarily divided between two main preceptors with opportunities to work with other providers depending on your interests. We meet for a weekly teaching breakfast at which you will be asked to teach your classmates and preceptors about a family medicine topic. Our outpatient clinic is busy, but we think you will enjoy it as much as we do!



## MEDICAL:



The SWMTCHC is affiliated with SCL Health -St. James – a part of intermountain Health. St. James offers the people of Southwest Montana specialized services in Cardiology, Oncology, Orthopedics and Women's & Children's services. It is a 100-bed facility staffed by more than five hundred employees, all dedicated to the integration of tradition and technology. For more than 125 years, St. James Healthcare has played an important role in the history of Butte. Founded in 1881 by the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth (Kansas), St. James has been known for generations for its mission of compassionate care and service to the poor



## Getting to Butte:

Butte, MT, lies in the Southwest portion of Montana. It's about a 2-hour drive to the Idaho border to the south down Interstate 15. Likewise, Missoula is about a 2-hour drive to the west along Interstate 90. Helena, the state capitol, is about eighty miles to the north of Butte along Interstate 15.

## About Butte:

For more than a century, copper was king in Butte, Montana and this city became one of the world's most important sources for strategic metal. In the process, the wealth generated by mining and refining earned Butte, Montana the name "The Richest Hill on Earth." For many reasons unrelated to mining, Butte, Montana remains the Richest Hill on Earth.

The headframes scattered across the Hill are symbols of this proud mining heritage. Called gallows frames by miners, they lowered men to work in the stopes below and on the return trip to the surface they brought up the rock in the box. They are silent sentinels of the era of underground mining that punctuate the Butte landscape like steel exclamation points.

Butte, Montana is rich in history, art, and culture during one of the most beautiful areas of Southwest Montana. Rimmed by the peaks of mountain ranges, Butte provides nearby access to trout fishing, world-class golf courses, hiking, hunting, skiing, soaking (in commercial hot springs), snowmobiling, and many other outdoor recreational opportunities.

## Housing & Car:

A car is necessary for any clinical rotation in Butte as students work in multiple offices and public transportation, while free, does not routinely travel between offices.

Housing is either a small cottage located next to the hospital or a furnished apartment several blocks east of the hospital. Students will have housing to themselves – very rarely do we ask you to share with TRUST students over long weekends or breaks between classes. No pets please.

## Climate:

Butte, MT climate is mild during summer when temperatures tend to be in the 60s and extremely cold during winter when temperatures tend to be in the teens.

The warmest month of the year is July with an average maximum temperature of 79.8 degrees Fahrenheit, while the coldest month of the year is January with an average minimum temperature of 5.4 degrees Fahrenheit.

Temperature variations between night and day tend to be big during summer with a difference that can reach 35 degrees Fahrenheit, and moderate during winter with an average difference of 25 degrees Fahrenheit.

The annual average precipitation at Butte is 12.78 Inches. Rainfall is evenly distributed throughout the year. The wettest month of the year is June with an average rainfall of 2.07 Inches.





Copper King Mansion

### **Extracurricular Activities:**

#### **Golf**

Butte Country Club • Highland View Golf Course

#### **Guides and Outfitters**

Big Sky Angling Services • Montana Professional Hunters • Tom's Fishing & Bird Hunting Guide Service • Wild Skies Outfitting & Mountain Company

#### **National Forests**

Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest • Helena National Forest

#### **Tours**

Copper King Mansion • Ghost Walks - The World Museum of Mining • Old Butte Historical Adventures • Our Lady of the Rockies

### **Popular Community Events:**

The Chinese New Year's Parade • St. Urho's Day • St. Patrick's Day • Butte Freedom Festival  
Montana Folk Festival • Evel Knievel Days • Montana Irish Festival • Farmers' Market • Annual Christmas Stroll  
• Annual Ice Sculpting Contest