

Family Medicine Residency Program



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The Family Medicine Residency at Metro Health Hospital provides clinical experiences in its outpatient office at Metro Health Breton. This office features 15 exam rooms, 2 procedure rooms and an array of equipment for clinical procedures.

We teach more than 30 outpatient procedures at Metro Health Breton Family Medicine including nasolaryngoscopy, dermatological procedures, colposcopy, cryosurgery, fracture care, and osteopathic manipulative treatment. As a resident, you will have the opportunity to learn how to manage health care for an entire family, even in the most complex cases.

Specialty rotations at Metro Health Hospital are offered with more than 60 specialists who provide training in areas such as cardiology, pulmonology, rheumatology, allergy and immunology, and sports medicine.

In addition to our Statewide Campus System affiliation through MSU, we are also affiliated with the *Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners (GRMEP)*, which offers our residents the opportunity to do rotations at other hospitals in the Grand Rapids area. Research is strongly encouraged, and our residents have won awards for the work they have done in clinical research.

All Family Medicine residents establish a profile of patients that they follow throughout the three years of their residency.

PGY 1 Family Medicine Emphasis

- 4 weeks Pediatrics (1 month)
- 4 weeks Obstetrics (1 month)
- 2 months Internal Medicine
- 1 month ICU
- 1 month General Surgery
- 1 month Emergency Medicine
- 2 months Surgical elective
- 1 month General elective
- 2 months Family Medicine
- 1 half day per week at Metro Health Breton Family Medicine during the PGY 1 year

PGY 2 & 3 Requirements

- 5 months Internal Medicine
- 2 months Obstetrics/Gynecology
- 2 months Pediatrics
- 1 month Emergency Medicine
- 1 month Geriatrics
- 2 weeks Sports Medicine
- 3-4 half days per week at Metro Health Breton Family Medicine during the PGY 2 and 3 years.

Tracks for Residents who want special emphasis in an area include:

- Sports Medicine
- OMM
- Geriatrics
- Obstetrics/Gynecology track currently in development

Medicine electives may be chosen from: Endocrinology, Allergy/Immunology, Hematology/Oncology, Infectious Diseases, OMM, Nephrology, Pulmonology, Neurology, Rheumatology, etc.

Surgical electives may be picked from: Urology, Podiatry, Orthopedics, Otolaryngology Facial Plastic Surgery, Ophthalmology, etc.

Electives include: Adolescent Medicine, Geriatrics, Sports Medicine, Occupational Medicine, Pain/Wound Management, Risk Management/Practice Management, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Internal Medicine, Alternative Medicine, and more.