

North Colorado Family Medicine has been in continuous operation training family practice residents since 1974. Our position as a community based, unopposed residency program, allows our residents to take full advantage of the wide range of educational opportunities available at North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley

Who We Are

Residents:

We have eight residents per year who come from medical schools all over the country. They have diverse backgrounds and interests, but share a desire to obtain a broad spectrum training in family practice that will allow them to select their ideal practice at graduation. The residency is designed to allow residents time with family and friends, and 60% of our residents are married, many with children. The residency sponsors support groups for residents and their significant others.



Residents' Retreat 2003

Faculty:

- Nine full-time and two part-time paid family physician faculty who bring a broad range of experience. All have full hospital privileges including OB, and three have operative OB privileges.
- Four FNP faculty
- Four behavioral science faculty
- Numerous volunteer faculty who act as visiting preceptors in the family practice center and work with residents on hospital rotations

Graduates: As of July 2004, we have graduated 165 family physicians, all of whom have been board certified. Although many graduates (about 60%) practice in the rural US, others are in international settings, community health centers, urban centers, residency programs, and other practice settings. Most of our graduates have included OB in their practices (many including C-sections).

Call:

Each night we have three residents and a physician faculty on call: two junior resident on OB and Med/Peds calls; and a third year resident & faculty available in the hospital as needed. There are no assigned responsibilities for residents after 12:30 on their after-noon post-call. Visit our website for a detailed description of the call system.

Alternative Training Tracks:

We offer two unique training tracks for applicants interested in a non-traditional model for their residency:

Sunrise Community Health Center: Residents participate in the same rotation/call schedule as the core program, but do their continuity clinic at Sunrise CHC in Greeley, serving a large underserved, predominantly Latino, population.

The Rural Training Track in Wray, Colorado: A modified 1-2 rural training track structure, with the first 15 months in Greeley, and the remainder of the training in Wray. If you would like to contact Wray directly, email Dave Reed, MD, Director at david.reed@bannerhealth.com

How to Get More Information About North Colorado Family Medicine

The Internet:

- Our residency website (www.ncfm.edu)
- FREIDA Online
- AAFP (www.aafp.org)

National Conferences: Every year we have resident representatives at the National Conference of Family Practice Residents and Medical Students in Kansas City.

Email Us: residency@bannerhealth.com

Our program office staff can answer many questions about the residency, arrange medical student rotations, and put you in touch with any of the residents or faculty at North Colorado Family Medicine, Sunrise, or Wray.

Contact Us By Mail:

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North Colorado Family Medicine



The North Colorado Medical Center Program

Greeley, Colorado

Our Mission

To provide quality patient care in a supportive, collaborative environment that celebrates education as a life-long process.

To prepare family practice residents for comprehensive practice in rural and underserved communities.

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Greeley

- Population: 85,000
- Initially an agricultural community, but opportunities are available in a variety of industries, including allied medical fields, education, technology, and many others.
- Located on the high plains of Colorado. Winters are mild & there are over 300 sunny days a year.
- Housing available in a wide price range (including rentals). Most residents purchase a home while in Greeley.
- Education: Greeley has an excellent public school system, as well as multiple options for private schools. Also home to the University of Northern Colorado (~10,000 students) and AIMS Community College.
- Recreational Opportunities:
 - The Greeley Stampede (the largest 4th of July Rodeo in the nation, and a “must-see”)
 - Performing arts and cultural activities in a variety of settings, including the Union Colony Civic Center, the University, and community theaters
 - Outdoor activities including biking, cross country skiing, fishing, golfing, seasonal NCFM softball teams, and many others



The Region:

Greeley is close to multiple recreational opportunities, including being just 50 miles from Denver, a metropolitan community with all the amenities. Fort Collins (½ hour) and Boulder (1 hour) are also both easy trips, even for an evening. Residents spend days off exploring nearby Estes Park & the Rocky Mountain National Park (1 hour); and skiing in the Colorado Rockies (2.5 hrs). For those who wish to travel farther, Denver International Airport is 1 hour away.

Curriculum

First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Inpatient Adult Medicine Service 3 blocks	Intensive Care Nursery (with OB call) 2 blocks	Electives 3 blocks
Family Medicine 6 weeks	General Surgery 2 blocks	
Inpatient Pediatrics 6 weeks	ICU/Pulmonary Med 6 weeks	Inpatient Adult Medicine Service - 2 blocks
Emergency Medicine 6 weeks	Inpatient Adult Medicine Service - 1 block	Inpatient Pediatrics 2 blocks
Women’s Healthcare (Gyn) - 6 weeks	Rural Family Medicine 1 block	Maternity Care (OB) Service - 2 blocks
Outpatient Pediatrics 1 block	Emergency Medicine 1 block	Orthopedics 1 block
Orthopedics - 4 weeks	Elective - 1 block	Dermatology - 1 block
Maternity Care (OB) Service 2 blocks	ENT, Ophthalmology, Urology, Neurology, Family Medicine 2 weeks each	Family Medicine 2 blocks

- (block schedule includes thirteen 4-week blocks per year)
- Excellent internal medicine training, including ICU experience. The residency service admits >1200 patients per year.
 - Strong pediatrics training with residents involved in every pediatric admission (>900/year) to the hospital, including Intensive Care Nursery admissions (>320/year)
 - Busy OB service including high-risk and operative OB. Residents involved in >2200 deliveries/year
 - Broad range of procedural training. Sample resident procedure numbers (over three years of training, range dependent on interest, many other procedures available):
 - 160-180 vaginal deliveries
 - 70-85 C-sections (40% with a resident as primary surgeon)
 - 25-35 tubal ligations
 - 50-60 endoscopies
 - 50-60 colposcopies
 - In depth sports medicine and orthopedic training: workshops, sports medicine clinic, attending high school/collegiate events.
 - Behavioral science curriculum integrated into outpatient and inpatient settings.
 - Comprehensive didactic curriculum including a full half day devoted to resident didactics every other week and daily presentations on the residency inpatient services.

Family Practice Center
North Colorado Family Medicine (NCFM)

- 25,000 sq.ft. facility with 28 exam rooms, 4 treatment rooms and a major procedure room
- Integrated Electronic Medical Record
- Full-service: lab & x-ray, casting, OB ultrasound, NST, nasolaryngoscopy, EGD, colonoscopy, hemorrhoid banding, colposcopy (including cryo and LEEP), vasectomy, and many other minor procedures
- Designed to optimize resident experience:
 - Large precepting rooms and resident offices with full libraries and multiple computer stations with internet access
 - Excellent preceptor to resident ration (1 to 3.5)
 - Excellent resident outpatient clinic experience
 - R1: 2 half days/week & 4 visits/clinic
 - R2: 3 half days/week & 6.3 visits/clinic
 - R3: 4 half days/week & 7.6 visits/clinic

The Hospital
North Colorado Medical Center (NCMC)
Rated as one of the Top 100 Hospitals® in the country

- Three blocks from the family practice center
- Regional tertiary care center with full range of consult services & a service population of ~300,000
- 326 beds including a 16-bed ICU
- Level II Trauma Center
- Level II Intensive Care Nursery
- 16,000+ discharges per year
- 2200+ deliveries per year (50% by FP’s)
- Inpatient rehab unit, inpatient hospice and on-site skilled nursing facility
- Active Sports Medicine Clinic with staff from NCFM
- Family practice friendly with a large FP department and FP’s with privileges in all areas of the hospital including ICU, surgery and operative obstetrics

