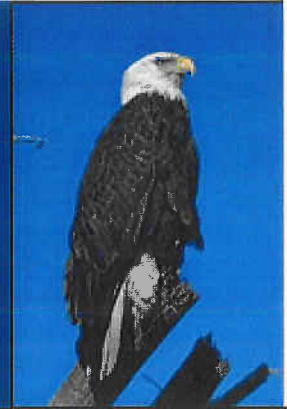


The "ALASKA TRACK"

All Third-Year Clerkships in Alaska

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THIRD-YEAR CLERKSHIPS in the ALASKA TRACK		
Family Medicine	Anchorage	6 weeks
Internal Medicine	Anchorage	6 weeks
OB/Gyn	Anchorage	6 weeks
Pediatrics	Anchorage	6 weeks
Psychiatry	Anchorage	6 weeks
Surgery	Fairbanks	6 weeks
Students who complete five or more of the required third- year clerkships in Alaska are considered Alaska "Trackers".		

Community Information

Anchorage	<p>Anchorage is the largest city in the state of Alaska, with 275,043 residents, comprising more than two-fifths (with its metropolitan area, over 50%) of the state's total population. The city is situated on a triangular peninsula bordered on the east by the Chugach Mountains, on the northwest by the Knik Arm, and on the southwest by the Turnagain Arm, upper branches of the Cook Inlet, which itself is the northernmost reach of the Pacific Ocean. Despite this, the city lacks coastal beaches, instead having wide, treacherous mudflats. Adjacent to the north is Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Alaska. To the south is Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska, and to the east is Valdez-Cordova Census Area, Alaska. Anchorage has a subarctic climate due to its short, cool summers. Average daytime summer temperatures range from approximately 55 to 78 degrees Fahrenheit; average daytime winter temperatures are about 5 to 30 degrees. Anchorage is a major port, receiving over 95% of all freight entering Alaska, as well as a hub of the Alaska Railroad. Major industries include government and military, Petroleum, and tourism. There are two U.S. military bases bordering Anchorage on the north: Elmendorf Air Force Base and Fort Richardson. Nearly all Alaska Interior-bound tourists pass through Anchorage at some stage of their journeys in Alaska. Not surprisingly, summer is tourist season, and downtown Anchorage, as well as the highways leading north and south of town, are typically teeming with tourists.</p>
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Fairbanks

Fairbanks is the largest city in the Interior region of Alaska, and second largest in the state. Fairbanks is home to the University of Alaska Fairbanks, the oldest college in Alaska. Fairbanks is located in the heart of Alaska's Interior, on both shores of the Chena River, near its confluence with the Tanana River in the Tanana Valley. By air, Fairbanks is 45 minutes from Anchorage and 3 hours from Seattle. It lies 358 road miles (576 km) or a 5.5 hour drive north of Anchorage. The Interior, home of Fairbanks and Denali National Park, has some of the most extreme weather in the world with rapid temperature swings, thunderstorms with hail and lightning and snow in the summer. Winters are very long, lasting from late September to mid-April. They are very cold and dry, with temperatures sometimes dipping down to -65 °F (-53.9 °C). Often the temperature is below zero Fahrenheit (-17.8 °C) for entire months. The summers are usually very warm, with temperatures often reaching into the 80s °F and sometimes reaching into the 90s °F. As the regional service and supply center for the Alaska Interior, Fairbanks offers a diverse economy, including city, borough, state, and federal government services; and transportation, communication, manufacturing, financial, and regional medical services. Tourism and mining also comprise a significant part of the economy. Including Eielson Air Force Base and Fort Wainwright personnel, over one third of the employment is in government services. The University of Alaska Fairbanks is also a major employer. Approximately 325,000 tourists visit Fairbanks each summer. The Fort Knox hardrock gold mine produces 1,200 ounces daily with 360 permanent year-round employees. 126 city residents hold commercial fishing permits.

CLERKSHIP OVERSIGHT Each Clerkship Coordinator oversees their individual clerkships and works directly with the local clerkship coordinators. All required clerkship goals and objectives are available from the department and their web site. Most lectures are available at: <http://depts.washington.edu/somclerk>. Departments may visit Alaska clerkship sites annually; and efforts are coordinated so that all students in the area have an opportunity to meet with the visitor.

FAMILY MEDICINE

Anchorage
Dr. Julie Sicilia
Dr. Tom Hunt

This core clerkship is a combination rotation between the Anchorage Family Medicine Residency and the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Clinic. Dr. Tom Hunt is the coordinator for the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Clinic and Dr. Julie Sicilia is the coordinator at the Anchorage Family Medicine Residency.

MEDICINE

Anchorage
Dr. Norm Wilder

This clerkship mixes training from the Air Force Hospital, Alaska Regional Hospital, Providence Alaska Medical Center and the Alaska Native Medical Center. This mix provides for a rich student experience. Weekly student seminars are held.

<p>OB/GYN Anchorage <i>Dr. Karen McCreary</i></p>	<p>The Ob/Gyn clerkship is at Providence Alaska Medical Center. Multiple sub specialties in women's and children's health are available for teaching and back up support. During this rotation a student will typically have an above average number of labor and delivery experiences.</p>
<p>PEDIATRICS Anchorage <i>Dr. Erin McArthur</i></p>	<p>The Pediatric core clerkship occurs in very active pediatric practices in Anchorage with hospitalizations done at The Children's Hospital at Providence Alaska Medical Center. It also included participation in a cystic fibrosis clinic and rounds at the neonatal intensive care unit at Providence Hospital</p>
<p>PSYCHIATRY Anchorage <i>Dr. Jenny Love</i></p>	<p>The Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API) is one of two psychiatric hospitals in Anchorage and is fully staffed by psychiatrists and a variety of support personal. Both the inpatient and ambulatory experiences take place in this setting. API also has a very active tele-behavioral health program backing up a number of remote mental health centers. Programs the students take part in include Tele-psychology, Providence Breakthrough group therapy and Psychiatric Triage in Providence ER.</p>
<p>SURGERY Fairbanks <i>Dr. Tim Teslow</i></p>	<p>Alaska's very popular high volume surgery rotation without other trainees is located in Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. They manage cases that would be handled by surgical subspecialty physicians in larger cities. Housing is provided by the hospital.</p>



