

## Surgery

### \*Billings Surgery

Site Coordinator: Dr. Terry Housinger

This clerkship is based at the Billings Clinic and Surgical Associates, and will be a side-by-side working environment between students and their preceptors. It will give students a broad base of exposure to the diversity of general surgery as well as involvement in all the main areas of general surgery. This is an intense experience with days structured to include time in the operating room, time in the office, and time on the wards making rounds and didactic lectures. Students will be involved in all aspects of patient care from the initial contact with the patient through their operative experience and postoperative recovery. This is also intended to be a hands-on experience from the standpoint of developing skills and patient assessment, patient management, technical skills in the operating room and basic procedures in and outside the operating room. <http://www.billingstrack.org/clerkship/surgery.html>

### \*Missoula Surgery

Site Coordinator: Dr. Brad Pickhardt

Students are assigned to the surgical service of one of the major affiliated hospitals where they will serve a significant role as a part of the total patient care team. This clerkship is based at two practices, Missoula Surgical Associates, PLLC next to St. Patrick Hospital with Dr. Brad Pickhardt and General Surgery at Community Medical Center with Dr. Kristin Janczewski. They have six full time board certified surgeons and specialize in Vascular, Bariatric, GERD, Breast Conditions, Laparoscopic, Thoracic, Trauma and all cancer surgery.

## WRITE (WWAMI Rural Integrated Training Experience) Sites

### Lewistown, Montana

Site Coordinator: Dr. Laura Bennett

Lewistown hosted its first WRITE student in 2005 and has participated in R/UOP for a number of years. Dr. Bennett is a solo practitioner, specializing in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, and Pediatrics. Central Montana Medical Center is the adjacent hospital serving a population spread over 17,000 square miles. Lewistown is located in central Montana in the Judith Basin and has a population of 6,000.

### Libby, Montana

Site Coordinator: Dr. Greg Rice

The Libby Clinic was established as Montana's first WRITE site in 1997 and also participates in the R/UOP program. Three board certified family physicians practice at the Libby Clinic. St. John's Lutheran Hospital serves the community with a 25-bed acute care facility. Libby is located in the northwest corner of the state and has a population of 2,800.

## 4th-Year Opportunities

### The following 4th-Year Required Clerkship Opportunities are available in Montana:

#### Neurology

Billings, MT: Site Coordinators: Drs. Dan Rodriguez & Lowell Quenemoen

Great Falls, MT: Site Coordinator: Dr. William Henning

Missoula, MT: Site Coordinator: Dr. John Schaeffer

#### Chronic Care/ Rehab

Billings, MT: Patricia LaHaie

### The following 4th-Year Elective Clerkship Opportunities are currently available in Montana:

#### Anesthesia

Billings, MT: Site Coordinator: Dr. Mike Schweitzer

Missoula, MT: Site Coordinator: Dr. Tim Provov

#### Dermatology

Billings, MT: Site Coordinator: Dr. Mark Jones

#### Ophthalmology

Missoula, MT: Site Coordinator: Dr. Brian Sippy

#### Orthopedics

Billings, MT: Site Coordinator: Dr. David Shenton

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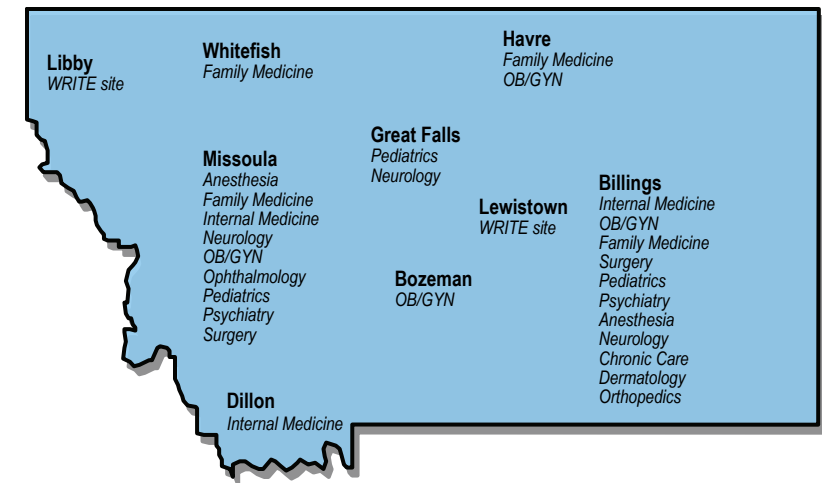
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# Montana WWAMI Clinical Sites



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## **MONTANA WWAMI CLINICAL SITES**

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### **Family Medicine**

#### **\*Billings Family Medicine**

Site Coordinators: Dr. Zach Meryers: [www.billingstrack.org/clinship/fam\\_med.html](http://www.billingstrack.org/clinship/fam_med.html)

Site offers full spectrum care in the Family Medicine clerkship. Two weeks are spent in a community-based FM ambulatory office practice, two in an active Community Health Center, and two weeks in a busy hospital-based FM teaching service. Students engage in hands on procedures at all the clinic sites and at the Sports Medicine clinic, and provide total spectrum full life cycle care for babies, children, adolescents, women's health, including management of multiple chronic and acute illnesses care. Daily evidence-based didactics with lunch are provided.

#### **Havre Family Medicine**

Site Coordinator: Dr. Bruce Richardson

Based at Northern Montana Medical Group East, its preceptors are Dr. Bruce Richardson and Dr. Kari Lien. The site is located on the "Hi-Line" in north-central Montana and has a population of 13,500. Northern Montana Hospital, a 49-bed acute care facility, features an ICU/CCU, obstetrical unit, ambulatory surgery wing and an adjacent inpatient psychiatric unit.

#### **\*Missoula Family Medicine**

Site Coordinators: Dr. Judy Visscher and Dr. Janice Gomersall

Clerkship offers unique opportunity to participate with many family practice doctors in a wide range of settings, including a multi-specialty clinic practice (Western Montana Clinic), a community health center (Partnership Health center), a hospital based single specialty practice (Community Medical Center), and an HMO (Curry Student Health Center at UofM). Family Practice physicians in each location have different styles--some focused on OB and family care, others on a more defined patient population, like the homeless or the university community.

#### **Whitefish Family Medicine**

Site Coordinators: Drs. Jon Miller & Jay Erickson

Glacier Medical Associates is a multi-specialty primary care clinic in a community of 6,000 in northwest Montana. There are 7 family physicians who participate in teaching. Students experience a variety of practice styles. Call is performed through a busy, small town ER at the newly built North Valley Hospital. This site has been involved with teaching students since 1974.

### **Internal Medicine**

#### **\*Billings Internal Medicine**

Site Coordinator: Dr. Steve Gerstner

In existence for over 25 years, the Billings Community Clinical Unit has four groups of practicing internists participating in this teaching program. A student is assigned to one group of internists for a six-week block of time and generally will spend three weeks with one internist. The intent is to have the student participate in internal medicine as it is practiced in this community, with time spent seeing patients in the hospital, office, emergency room, and as necessary in nursing homes.

### **Dillon Internal Medicine**

Site Coordinator: Dr. Ronald Loge

Based at Barrett Hospital, this site provides a broad-based comprehensive general internal medicine experience in a community where the internist is also the sub-specialist. It offers one of the few opportunities to see and be involved in rural internal medicine. Dillon is an agricultural town of about 5,000 people.

#### **\*Missoula Internal Medicine**

Site Coordinator: Dr. Peggy Schlesinger

Students spend 4 weeks with a general internist and 2 weeks with a specialist, gaining experience in general medicine and subspecialty instruction. Two hospitals, St. Patrick Hospital and Community Medical Center, serve the community. Missoula's population is about 75,000.

### **Obstetrics/Gynecology**

#### **\*Billings OB/GYN**

Site Coordinator: Dr. Tersh McCracken

The OB/GYN dept. at Billings Clinic is a 7-physician office offering a range of basic obstetrics & gynecology as well as specialized services including infertility evaluations, microsurgical procedures, high-risk obstetrics. Gynecologic care includes gynecologic urology and oncology. Students rotate among physicians, and at Intermountain Planned Parenthood. The Family Birth Center at Billings Clinic provides single-room maternity care unit.

#### **Bozeman OB/GYN**

Site Coordinator: Dr. Tyler Bradford

Provides the full spectrum of women's health, including gyn-one and reproductive endocrinology. Adjacent to the 86-bed Bozeman Deaconess Hospital.

#### **Havre OB/GYN**

Site Coordinator: Dr. Suzanne Swietnicki

With the only OB/GYN provider in the group practice at Northern Montana Medical Center. The hospital, Northern Montana Hospital, serves the residents in the town of Havre as well as the 16,000 surrounding sq. miles, for a total of about 30,000 patients. The obstetrical unit is an LDRP set up.

#### **\*Missoula OB/GYN**

Site Coordinators: Drs. Janice Givler & Mark Garnaas

Students work with 3 OB/GYNs at the Western Montana Clinic, a multi-specialty practice. Students' hospital experience is spent mostly at Community Medical Center, where all Missoula deliveries are performed. Surgery is done at both Community and St. Patrick Hospital. Site offers a wide variety of experiences, including basic obstetrics and gynecology, surgery, and infertility.

### **Pediatrics**

#### **\*Billings Pediatrics**

Site Coordinator: Dr. Brian Starr

General introductory inpatient and outpatient pediatric clerkship experience that takes place primarily in two active pediatric group practices (The Children's Clinic PC and Billings Clinic/Pediatrics). Students are exposed to foundational diseases and conditions, and a significant amount of child maintenance and well care, giving exposure to normal growth and development, routine behavioral issues, anticipatory guidance etc.

#### **Great Falls Pediatrics**

Site Coordinator: Dr. Colleen Marron

Based at the Great Falls Clinic, learning experiences include newborn evaluations and pediatric inpatient rounds at the hospital, and in-clinic well-child visits, illness examinations, and chronic disease care and management. Benefis Healthcare in Great Falls is the largest hospital in Montana, operating 502 beds on 2 campuses. Great Falls is the 3rd largest city in Montana with a population of 57,000.

#### **\*Missoula Pediatrics**

Site Coordinator: Dr. Kathy Rogers and Dr. Laurie Carter

This new clerkship is based in a large pediatric office at Community Medical Center with emphasis on both sick and well child care. Faculty provides teaching at inpatient, ER, and NICU areas of the hospital. Students spend two weeks each with two general pediatricians, providing inpatient and outpatient learning experiences. Students take call with attending and see patients in the ER. Time spent with a variety of specialty clinic physicians, hospitalists, neonatologists, and the NICU provides a well rounded learning opportunity.

### **Psychiatry**

#### **\*Billings Psychiatry**

Site Coordinator: Dr. Tom Van Dyk

This clerkship provides a large and diverse collection of treatment modes. Students will help treat all kinds of adults with psychiatric illness in both an inpatient & outpatient psychiatric setting. The practice is complicated by the rural nature of Montana and therefore has had to adapt by utilizing video conferencing, travel, and working closely with the physicians in smaller communities.

#### **\*Missoula Psychiatry**

Site Coordinator: Dr. Rick Felix

This clerkship is based at St. Patrick Hospital-Neurobehavioral Medicine Services. This 30 bed facility offers inpatient psychiatric and addiction service. Students work with adult and adolescent inpatients and in this emergency room for emergent care exposure. They will participate in and document initial evaluations and maintenance care, geriatric, general, child and adolescent psychiatry and sleep medicine.