

The "MISSOULA TRACK"

Third-Year Clerkships
Missoula, MT

WWAMI MISSOULA TRACK OFFICE

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MONTANA 12 MONTH TRACK WWAMI Missoula

WWAMI Missoula 12 Month Track offers required 3rd year clerkships and many 4th year required electives in a spectacular setting with great educational and recreational opportunities.

THIRD-YEAR CLERKSHIPS in the MISSOULA TRACK

Family Medicine	Missoula	6 weeks
Internal Medicine	Missoula	6 weeks
OB/Gyn	Missoula	6 weeks
Pediatrics	Missoula	6 weeks
Psychiatry	Missoula	6 weeks
Surgery	Missoula	6 weeks

4th Year Electives in Missoula:
Ophthalmology, Anesthesia, and Neurology

MISSOULA COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Missoula

Missoula is the jewel of Western Montana – a vibrant and diverse community with many opportunities for individuals seeking to experience the Montana lifestyle. The "Garden City" has mild winters and unbeatable summers. Recreational opportunities, hiking, skiing, fishing, mountain biking, etc., are abundant in all seasons with millions of acres of wilderness within a few miles of the city of 65,000 residents.

Missoula is home of the University of Montana with 13,000 students and many more "Griz Fans." Located in the heart of Western Montana's stunning natural landscape, UM is a magnet not only for top-notch teachers and researchers, but also for students from across the country and around the globe. A city within a city – with its own eateries, stores, medical facilities, banking, postal services, and zip code – UM has an increasingly diverse population and rich culture.

Missoula is rich in cultural attractions ranging from symphony, arts, live theatre, historical museums, shops, galleries and numerous sporting activities and events. We are located 3 hours south of Glacier National Park and 3-and-a-half hours west of Yellowstone National Park. In short, it's not a bad place to "hang out" in any season.

HOSPITALS

Missoula	St. Patrick Hospital & Health Sciences Center (SPH) is a 182 bed hospital - the regional center for advanced cardiothoracic surgery, cancer care and acute stroke management and has the only inpatient mental health facility in Western Montana. The hospital is a Level II trauma facility with a busy ER. Physicians from the Western Montana Clinic, a large multispecialty medical group, Montana Spine Center, the International Heart Institute and the Montana Neurosciences Institute practice at SPH. SPH is known world wide for cardiology and cardiac surgery care and innovations that come from the International Heart Institute. A full compliment of outpatient rehabilitation services in addition to a new inpatient rehab unit is also available. SPH oversees the Dialysis Center for Missoula and a network of outpatient dialysis facilities in Western Montana. The Montana Cancer Center offers comprehensive medical, surgical and radiation therapies to patients in our area.	Internal Med, Surgery, Psychiatry, Family Med
	Community Medical Center (CMC) is a 146 bed hospital - this region's leader in rehabilitation medicine and women's and children's care. CMC has a Level III NICU with 2 pediatric hospitalists/intensivists, one pediatric surgeon and 2 neonatologists on staff. CMC has joined with Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle to offer premier pediatric care to Western Montana. CMC Rehabilitation Institute and the Montana Pain Institute serve the entire Western Montana region with four physiatry practitioners on staff. Hospital services also include a full Level III trauma center/ER and med/surg services, including intensive care, plus the Montana Heart Center.	Internal Med, OB/Gyn, Surgery, Family Med, Peds

CLERKSHIP OVERSIGHT

The Missoula Track Office handles everything from housing to preceptor and student academic needs. We support student activities and coordinate learning opportunities for students here in Missoula. We are dedicated to making your educational experience here both fun and worthwhile.

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>

FAMILY MEDICINE Dr. Judy Visscher Dr. Janice Gomersall	The Family Practice Clerkship student in Missoula has a unique opportunity to participate with 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 the University of Montana). Family Practice physicians in each location have different styles – some focused on OB and family care (Community Medical Center), others on a more defined patient population, like the homeless or the University community. There is also diversity among our Family Practice physicians as to on-call duties, with some physicians using hospitalists and others continuing to take night call for admissions and OB patients as well as ER visits. Urgent care is commonly available in almost all practice venues.
MEDICINE Dr. Peggy Schlesinger	Experience in general medicine and subspecialty instruction in both office and hospital settings are offered here, with an excellent medical faculty, conferences, and educational offerings. Students spend time with a general internist and a specialist of their choice, usually an intensivist, cardiologist or infectious disease specialist. Physicians from both the Community Medical Center campus and the Western Montana Clinic at St. Patrick Hospital & Health Sciences Center participate in the teaching program.
OB/GYN Dr. Janice Givler	Students work with 3 OB/Gyns at the Western Montana Clinic, a multispecialty practice. Students' hospital experience is spent mostly at Community Medical Center, where all Missoula deliveries are performed. Surgery is done at both Community Medical Center and St. Patrick Hospital & Health Sciences Center. This site offers a wide variety of experiences, including basic obstetrics and gynecology, surgery and infertility.
PEDIATRICS Dr. Kathy Rogers Dr. Laurie Carter	This 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 2 weeks each with 2 general pediatricians providing inpatient and outpatient learning experiences. Students take call with attending and see patients in ER. Time spent with a variety of specialty clinic physicians, hospitalists, neonatologists, and the NICU provides a well rounded learning opportunity.
PSYCHIATRY Dr. Richard Felix	This clerkship is based at the Providence Center of St. Patrick Hospital & Health Sciences Center and at the psychiatry offices at Montana Neurobehavioral Specialists. The 30 bed inpatient facility offers psychiatric and addiction services. Students work with both adult and adolescent psychiatrists in both inpatient and outpatient settings. They will participate in and document initial evaluations and ongoing management of geriatric, general, child and adolescent psychiatry patients and sleep medicine patients.
SURGERY 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 & Health Sciences Center and General Surgery at Community Medical Center. There are six full time board certified surgeons on the WWAMI faculty. Students will participate in Vascular, Bariatric, GERD, Breast Conditions, Laparoscopic, Thoracic, Trauma and all cancer surgery.

TRAVEL

Montana Trackers receive travel funding from Seattle to join the Montana Track in Missoula. Trackers, who must leave Missoula to participate in required clerkships in Montana, or in the WWAMI-region, receive travel reimbursement.

HOUSING

Housing is provided to track students while working in Missoula including laundry facilities and WiFi. Meals are provided free of charge by both hospitals and The University of Montana food service to all WWAMI students. Housing is located on a bus route (bus pass included) but we strongly suggest coming to Missoula with bicycle or car. Bring hiking boots, skis, kayak, etc!

SUPPORT SERVICES

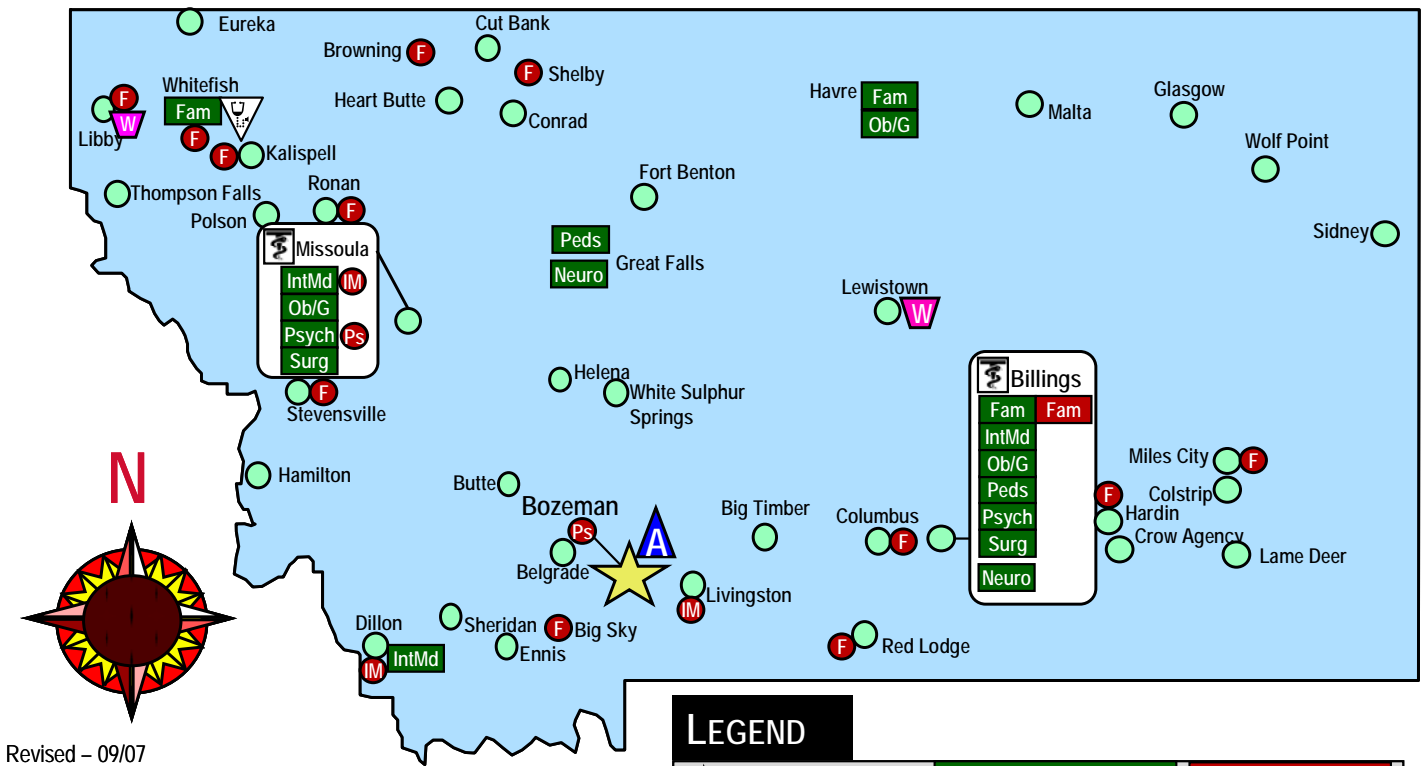
Dean's Office	The Missoula Track Office has been formed to facilitate and meet the needs of the students, the University of Washington Clerkship offices, and the preceptors. We organize the first orientation to the Missoula Track, assist with housing, and communicate with UW Clerkship offices consistently. Any and all questions are welcome.
Orientation	For track students there are mandatory orientations at both St. Patrick Hospital & Health Sciences Center and Community Medical Center on the first Monday. The start time is 8:00 am where the students will meet with Track Director, Dr. Peggy Schlesinger, at the SPH cafeteria. Breakfast is provided. Orientation at SPH lasts about two hours, then travel to CMC for orientation which lasts about two hours. Transportation to CMC is provided. Any specific orientation with the clerkship coordinators also takes place on the first day of each clerkship. Any questions regarding orientation can be directed to the Missoula Track Office at mtwohig@saintpatrick.org .
U of M	The University of Montana has research opportunities, both cultural and course offerings, and visiting lecture series available to all WWAMI medical students during their clerkships. This is a unique opportunity and rounds out the medical school curriculum for the 3 rd year.

SIGN UP

Officially sign up for the Missoula Track during the fall of the second-year through Academic Affairs. Information can be obtained by the UWSOM Curriculum Office, Angie Wick, angwick@u.washington.edu.

For more information about the Missoula Track please call 406-327-3162 or contact Dr. Peggy Schlesinger peggy.schlesinger@gmail.com or Megan Twohig at mtwohig@saintpatrick.org.

Map of Montana WWAMI Sites



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