University of Washington
Family Medicine Residency Network

About our Organization

The University of Washington Family Medicine Residency Network (WWAMI Network) is a group of family medicine residency programs related to each other by geography and university affiliation. The WWAMI Network is one of the largest residency networks in the United States, and now comprises 18 residency programs in Washington, Alaska, Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. Washington programs are located in Bremerton, Olympia, Renton, Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Vancouver, and Yakima. Idaho programs are sited in Boise and Pocatello; Wyoming programs are in Cheyenne and Casper; Montana has a program in Billings; and Alaska has a program in Anchorage. In addition, there are a number of programs in development in the region. Communities in the process of developing a residency program include: Fairbanks and Wasilla, AK; Coeur d’Alene, ID; Missoula, MT; Marysville, Puyallup, Richland, and Tacoma, WA. New programs are slated to open as soon as 2013.

Our Purpose

The WWAMI Network exists to promote excellence in family medicine residency education, to provide academic leadership, and to respond to societal needs for family physicians. The quality of the individual programs is high, reflected in the number and quality of applicants, the excellence of the residents and faculty, and the strong support of the sponsoring hospitals in providing up-to-date facilities and skilled staff. A description of WWAMI Network services and organizational structure is provided within this brochure.

To learn more about the WWAMI Network, please visit our web page: www.wwaminetwork.org.
WWAMI Network Affiliated Residency Programs

- Alaska Family Medicine Residency (Anchorage, AK)
- Central Washington Family Medicine (Yakima, WA)
  - Ellensburg Rural Training Track
- Family Medicine of Southwest Washington (Vancouver, WA)
- Family Medicine Spokane (Spokane, WA)
  - Colville Rural Training Track
- Family Medicine Residency of Idaho (Boise, ID)
  - Caldwell Rural Training Track
  - Magic Valley Rural Training Track
- Group Health Cooperative (Seattle, WA)
- Idaho State Univ. Family Medicine Residency (Pocatello, ID)
- Madigan Family Medicine Residency (Tacoma, WA)
- Montana Family Medicine Residency (Billings, MT)
- Providence St. Peter Hospital (Olympia, WA)
- Puget Sound Family Medicine (Bremerton, WA)
- Swedish Family Medicine Cherry Hill (Seattle, WA)
  - Carolyn Downs Family Medicine Center
  - Seattle Indian Health Board FMR
  - SeaMar Community Health Center FMR
- Swedish Family Medicine First Hill (Seattle, WA)
  - Downtown Family Medicine
  - Swedish Community Health
- Tacoma Family Medicine (Tacoma, WA)
- University of Washington Medical Center (Seattle, WA)
  - Harborview Medical Center
- U of Wyoming Family Medicine Residency; Casper (Casper, WY)
- U of Wyoming Family Medicine Residency; Cheyenne (Cheyenne, WY)
- Valley Family Medicine (Renton, WA)

Programs in Development

- Community Health Tacoma (Tacoma, WA)
- East Pierce Family Medicine (Puyallup, WA)
- Fairbanks, AK
- Family Medicine Coeur d’Alene (Coeur d’Alene, ID)
- Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana (Missoula, MT)
  - Kalispell Rural Training Track
- Three Rivers Family Medicine (Richland, WA)
- Mat-Su Regional Medical Center (Wasilla, AK)
- SeaMar Community Health Center (Marysville, WA)

For videos, information and links to all residency programs affiliated with the WWAMI Network, check out our Virtual Residency Fair Project at:

http://depts.washington.edu/fammed/vfair/index.html
How satisfied are you with your...
[on a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 = unsatisfied and 5 = highly satisfied]*

...choice of medicine as a profession?

- 1% no answer
- 2% 1%
- 3% 12%
- 4% 29%
- 5% 56%

...residency training?

- 1% no answer
- 2% 2%
- 3% 12%
- 4% 29%
- 5% 56%

...choice of specialty?

- 1% no answer
- 2% 1%
- 3% 8%
- 4% 36%
- 5% 61%

*Data from a 2010 follow-up survey of ‘08 and ‘09 WWAMI Network program graduates; N=170 respondents*
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What benefits do I get as a Resident in the WWAMI Network?

**Opportunities for Leadership**
A two-day Chief Resident Development course is offered to incoming Chiefs every Spring. The group gets a chance to meet each other and hear tips from outgoing Chiefs.

**Opportunities for Publication**
With your faculty, you will have the opportunity to do evidence reviews to answer questions generated in practice and to write these up for publication in the *Journal of Family Practice, American Family Physician,* or *Evidence-Based Practice* through the national Family Physicians Inquiries Network (FPIN).

**WWAMI Practice Opportunities Listing**
As you near completion of your residency training, stay informed of practice openings and advanced fellowship training opportunities for family physicians throughout the WWAMI region.

**UW Health Sciences Library Access**
Access to every reference resource you expect from a state-of-the-art medical school and university library. Hundreds of journals are easily accessed online with full text versions of articles available.

**Resource Sharing**
The WWAMI Network’s Digital Resource Library, an indexed collection of materials supporting education, research, and special projects in our affiliated programs, is available for creating and sharing resources.

**Innovative Models of Care and Research**
WWAMI residency programs are developing patient centered medical homes in training programs. A residency-based practice research network is active and involves residents at many sites.

**Emphasis on Evidence-Based Practice (EBP)**
For the last 15 years we have been training faculty and providing resources to ensure that when there is good evidence you know where to find it and how to apply it to your patients. Each program has developed its own ways to teach EBP and sharing methods is encouraged.
Groups Coordinated by the WWAMI Network
The WWAMI Network coordinates a number of groups, including scheduling meetings, creating email list-serves, and facilitating sharing of resources.

- Chief Residents
- WWAMI Network Program Directors
- Residency Coordinators
- Directors’ Executive Committee
- Directors’ Finance Committee
- Directors’ Legislative Committee
- Faculty Development Fellows
- Family Medicine Education Advisory Committee
- Behavioral Scientist Faculty
- Program Administrators
- ALSO/OB Coordinators
- Special Project Task Forces

Regional Connections
The WWAMI Network maintains email lists for every resident class and for the chief residents to foster collaboration and the sharing of ideas between programs. We also maintain an online resource for all elective rotations available to residents in WWAMI Network programs.

Administration Systems
Access to New Innovations, a web-based residency administration software suite that is used for scheduling, evaluations, conferences, curricula and other program activities. The system allows programs to learn best practices from each other.
Other Services the WWAMI Network Provides

In addition those noted previously for residents, the WWAMI Network also offers a number of other services to affiliated programs:

**Resident Recruitment**
- Clearinghouse for available resident positions
- Creation of Network recruitment materials
- Coordination of Network Applicant Interview Schedule
- Coordination of Network presence at National Conference of Family Medicine Residents & Students
- Coordination with Pre-doctoral section to involve Network faculty in student recruitment activities

**Marketing / Informational**
- Advertising family physician practice opportunities in the WWAMI NET/WORK newsletter
- Dissemination of state/national legislative & regulatory information
- Faculty development brochures & materials

**Reviews/Consultations**
- Facilitation of program-to-program sharing of best practices & faculty expertise
- Grant reviews
- Internal reviews to assist Network programs in preparation for accreditation reviews
- Peer consultations

**Administrative**
- Affiliation agreements
- Benchmarking, Salary, and Graduate Follow-up Surveys
- Collection of program statistics
- Development & maintenance of Network Database
- Processing of clinical faculty appointments
- Reports: Network, Departmental, and WWAMI
- Virtual classrooms for distance learning

**Faculty Development**
- Faculty Development Fellowship
- Faculty Development Workshops
- Faculty Scholarship Opportunities
- Director Development Sessions

**WWAMI Network Administration**
- Budget oversight & administration
- Capitation payments to Washington civilian programs
- Purchasing
- Travel reimbursement processing
- Grant writing & administration
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