Wyoming Rural Clinical Experience and WRITE

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## Third Year Required Clerkships

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3rd Year Clerkship Changes

• TWO NEW CLERKSHIPS IN OB-GYN
  Sheridan and Gillette

• ADDITION OF NEW FACULTY IN ROCK SPRINGS OB-GYN

• ADDITION OF NEW FACULTY IN CASPER PSYCH

• REVAMPED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE SHERIDAN INTERNAL MEDICINE.

Time now split with 3 weeks at Sheridan Community Hospital with 4 recent WWAMI graduates as Clinical Faculty
Wyoming
Wyoming Rural Clinical Experience

- Students will complete at least four of their 3rd year clinical rotations in Wyoming.
- At least one but preferably two of the clerkships must take place in a Wyoming site other than Casper or Cheyenne.
- All UWSOM students are encouraged to participate in the program.
- A maximum of six students per year may participate.
- A dislocation allowance of $2000 per year will be paid to each student.
Three WRITE Sites in Wyoming

Subject to availability as they also are TRUST communities.

Wyoming pays $4000 stipend for students who do WRITE in Wyoming
WRITE sites in Wyoming

- Powell
- Lander
- Douglas
Preceptors

Michael Bohlman, MD; Valerie Lengfelder, MD and Sarah Durney, MD are all Family Medicine physicians and are the Site Coordinators.

Clinic: All primary care clinics are located in a new facility. This enhances the breadth and depth of the student experience.

Nursing Home: Powell Valley Healthcare offers Powell Valley Care Center, a 99-bed nursing home.

Hospital: Powell Valley Healthcare, Inc. offers an integrated delivery system in this rural setting. Powell Valley Hospital is a 25-bed acute care facility. Powell Valley Hospital averages 18 deliveries per month and 70-90 surgery cases per month. The average daily census is 12 patients.

Community

Powell, located in northwestern Wyoming, offers the best of Wyoming and the Northern Rockies. Powell is one of ten cities designated as an All-American City in 1994, a distinction which recognizes the spirit, cooperation, and dedication which are so much a part of the town and its people. As a community in the Big Horn Basin, Powell is surrounded by four mountain ranges and enjoys an excellent climate, great recreational opportunities, and the benefits of the rural lifestyle.
Preceptors

Jacqueline Nelson, MD – Pediatrician is the Site Coordinator.

Clinic: You will see patients with a faculty physician at both IHS clinics and physician practices in Lander. You will be expected to see the patients and independently provide assessment and manage patients. During your WRITE experience you will follow the development of newborns and manage a wide variety of disease processes. You will work with the pediatric group in Lander as well as two IM physicians who are WWAMI graduates. They do primary care IM and are hospitalists. There is also the opportunity to go on home visits with the social worker and/or public health nurses on the Wind River Indian Reservation.

Hospital: Lander Valley Medical Center opened in its present location in 1983. It is a progressive medical facility catering to a diverse community. Many factors contribute to making Lander Valley Medical Center stand out among other similar-sized hospitals: a dedicated staff that serves a number of specialized units including a full-time Level II emergency room, Level II nursery and a behavioral health program.

Community

Near the foothills of the eastern slopes of the Wind River Mountains, the eclectic city of Lander is a blend of the Old West and the New West. While the area’s roots are in agriculture, recreation is a major industry due to the city’s proximity to the Wind River Mountains. The City of Lander is home of the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) www.nols.edu. Also, Lander’s relatively mild climate has made the area popular with “active” retirees. Lander has been recognized as one of the Best Small Towns in America by the book of the same name, and National Geographic Traveler magazine called nearby Sinks Canyon State Park one of the nation’s top 50 state parks. Men’s Journal heaped deserving praise on the community by naming Lander as one of the Top 25 Coolest Mountain Towns in the country.
Preceptors

James Morgan, MD – Family Physician is the Site Coordinator

Clinic: The medical staff consists of 4 family physicians, 3 internists, 2 general surgeons, 1 OB/GYN, 1 radiologist, 2 orthopedic surgeons, 1 podiatrist, and a number of mid-levels. Dr. Jim Morgan is the VPM and a long time RUOP preceptor who will take the teaching lead. One of the other three family physicians is a WWAMI grad. All are excited to be involved in teaching.

Nursing Home: We have a nursing home that has just been remodeled to include an Alzheimer’s unit and all new private rooms with new therapy areas.

Hospital: Memorial Hospital of Converse County is a 25-bed CAH that serves the surrounding region.

Community

Douglas, Wyoming is home to the Wyoming State Fair, the Wyoming Pioneer Museum, and the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy. Agriculture remains important culturally with active ranching of horses, sheep, and cows. Rodeo is another iconic part of the community’s activities. However, the energy industry is dominant in the economy. Workplace issues for coal miners, railroad workers, uranium, and oil industry workers make up a large part of medical practice in this area. Douglas also claims ready access to year round outdoor sporting activities including hunting, fishing, North Platte River and Glendo Lake recreation, as well as mountain hiking at nearby Laramie Peak which rises to 10,300 feet from the 5,000 foot elevation of the town. Winters are mild enough that the local 18 hole golf-course is often active all but a few weeks of every year.
WHY COME TO WYOMING

- Individual Clinical Learning Experience
- Experience Continuity in Patient Care
- You Will See It All
- With Few Exceptions You are the ONLY Medical Student in the Community or Clerkship
Activities in Wyoming
Thank You!

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