

CLERKSHIP OVERSIGHT

The Billings Track Office facilitates all clerkships in Billings. This office handles everything from housing to preceptor and student academic needs. 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 Billings' clerkship sites annually and efforts are coordinated so that all students in the area have an opportunity to meet with the visitor.

<p>FAMILY MEDICINE <i>RiverStone Health</i> <i>Montana Family Medicine Program</i> <i>Dr. Zach Meyers</i></p>	<p>Each student will participate in full spectrum care in the Family Medicine clerkship which will consist of three, two-week experiences. You will spend two weeks in a community based, Family Medicine ambulatory office practice, two weeks in an active Community Health Center, and two weeks on a busy hospital based Family Medicine teaching service. You will have an opportunity to engage in <u>hands-on</u> procedures at all the clinic sites and the Sports Medicine clinic. You will provide total spectrum, full life cycle care for babies, children, adolescents, women's health, management of multiple chronic and acute illnesses care for all ages and genders. Daily evidence based didactics with lunch are provided. http://www.billingstrack.org/clerkship/fam_med.html</p>
<p>MEDICINE <i>Billings Clinic</i> <i>Dr. Steven Gerstner</i> <i>St. Vincent Healthcare</i> <i>Dr. Neal Sorensen</i></p>	<p>Students participate in the care of both hospitalized and ambulatory patients; refine the skills of history-taking and physical examinations, and to learn to care for a variety of illnesses. Daily rounds and conferences are held. For each core curriculum topic we expect you to see at least one patient with the topic, and hope you will develop the knowledge and judgment necessary to manage a patient presenting with this problem. http://www.billingstrack.org/clerkship/inter_med.html</p>
<p>OB/GYN <i>Billings Clinic</i> <i>Dr. Tersh McCracken</i></p>	<p>The obstetrical conditions and gynecological problems commonly encountered by the physician provide the primary focus for this clerkship experience, but knowledge of serious, less common conditions, is also required. Some learning activities at each site are preplanned; however, many activities are left for each student to plan and develop in the manner in which they best learn. Hands on obstetric care and numerous vaginal deliveries will be available for students rotating in this well established clerkship experience. http://www.billingstrack.org/clerkship/obgyn.html</p>
<p>PEDIATRICS <i>Billings Clinic</i> <i>Dr. Brian Starr</i> <i>The Children's Clinic</i> <i>Dr. Marian Kummer</i></p>	<p>This clerkship offers excellent outpatient volumes which will expose you to a variety of general pediatrics. You will be exposed to the foundational diseases and conditions. Also included is a significant amount of child maintenance and well care, which will show you the normal growth and development, routine behavioral issues, and anticipatory guidance. The total number of outpatients seen during the six week clerkship will be 300 to 400 encounters. You will also get a chance to observe subspecialty clinics staffed by the outreach physicians from Denver Children's Hospital. http://www.billingstrack.org/clerkship/peds.html</p>
<p>PSYCHIATRY <i>Mental Health Center</i> <i>Dr. Tom Van Dyk</i></p>	<p>The overall goal of the clerkship is to provide an excellent introduction to clinical Psychiatry including supervised clinical experiences, clinical teaching, and a structured didactic program. This experience provides a large and diverse collection of treatment modes. You will help treat adults with all types of psychiatric illness in a supportive community atmosphere. http://www.billingstrack.org/clerkship/psych.html</p>
<p>SURGERY <i>Billings Clinic</i> <i>Dr. Terry Housinger</i> <i>St. Vincent Healthcare</i> <i>Dr. Jeff Rentz</i></p>	<p>This clerkship will be a side-by-side working environment between students and their preceptors as well as give students a broad base of exposure to the diversity of general surgery and 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. You will be involved in all aspects of patient care from the initial contact with the patient through their operative experience and postoperative recovery. It 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</p>

FACILITIES		
Billings Clinic	Billings Clinic is a not-for-profit integrated health care organization consisting of a multi-specialty group practice of over 200 physicians and non-physician providers and a 272-bed regional tertiary level hospital. The Billings Clinic is a 'community of physicians' working together in a collegial manner in support of the mission of providing outstanding health care, education and research in their region and the nation.	Fam Med Int Med OB/GYN Peds Surgery
St. Vincent Healthcare	St. Vincent Healthcare is a tertiary care regional medical center. It has 319 licensed beds, a medical staff of over 400 physicians and 14 primary care clinics in and around Billings. St. Vincent Healthcare serves the people of Eastern Montana and Northern Wyoming; approximately 500,000 square miles and 600,000 people. This hospital is among the top technologically advanced medical facilities in this region, with specialties in cardiology, orthopedics, neurosciences, rehabilitation, neonatology, senior services, women's services, pediatrics, and oncology. It is a verified Level II trauma center and a Level III NICU.	Fam Med Int Med OB/GYN Peds Surgery
Mental Health Center	The Mental Health Center cares for the area's mental health patients for the South Central area of Montana. The physicians have access to patients throughout the community as well as both hospitals.	Psych
RiverStone Health	RiverStone Health provides a full range of JCAHO Accredited health services including care for prenatal, newborns, children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly. RiverStone Clinic/Family Practice Center is a major provider of comprehensive health care, education and prevention services.	Fam Med

TRAVEL	
Montana Trackers receive travel funding from Seattle to join the Montana Track in Billings. Trackers, who must leave Billings to participate in required clerkships in Montana, or in the WWAMI-region, receive travel reimbursement.	
HOUSING	
Track students provide their own housing in Billings. For housing resources in Billings, information is provided on the website at http://www.billingstrack.org/accepted.html or www.billingsgazette.net . Housing is provided for non-track students.	

SUPPORT SERVICES	
Billings Track Office	The Billings 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 Billings Track, assist with housing, and communicate with UW Clerkship offices consistently. Any and all questions are welcomed!
Orientation	For track students, there is a mandatory orientation at the Billings Track Office located at RiverStone Health on the first Monday of the rotation. The start time is 8:00am and is located on the second floor. A light breakfast is provided and it will last about 4 hours which includes tours of the facilities. Any following clerkships will begin with an orientation meeting with the clerkship director. Any questions regarding orientation can be directed to the Billings Track Office at bto@ycchd.org .
Manual	Billings Trackers maintain the Billings Track Guide for track students. This guide was written by students and is updated annually. The guide is not meant as a clerkship replacement, but rather helps and gives hints of real-life living and learning in the Billings Track. The guide will be given as students are accepted into the Billings Track.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

History of Medicine Club Meetings

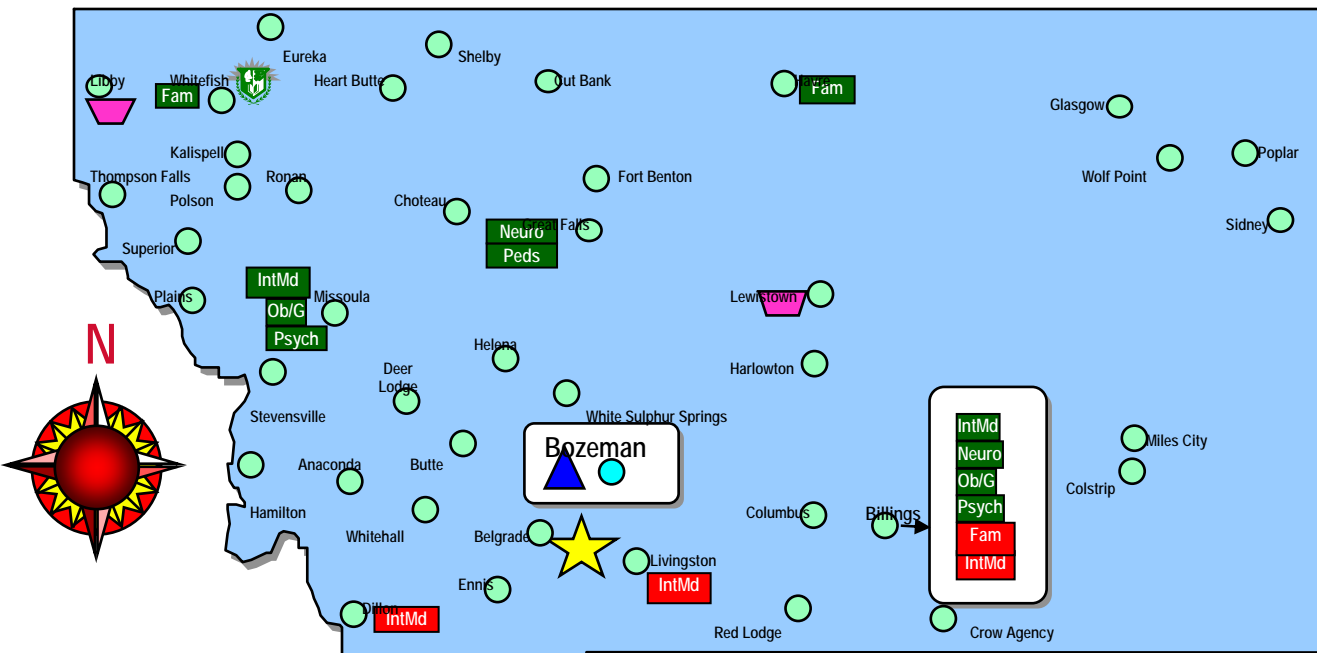
The History of Medicine meetings are informal social activities for WWAMI students, resident physicians and Billings' preceptors. These meetings will take place around the middle of each clerkship session. They are devoted to creating an atmosphere of intellectual and inter-specialty conversation around multiple historical events that have shaped modern medicine. The meetings will be hosted by different members of the Billings medical community and will include food and beverage. Some recent topics have been "[A Survey of Historical Medicine](#)", "[A Short History of Diabetes: From Tasting Urine to Inhaling Insulin](#)", "[Surgical Trauma of Assassinations](#)" and "[Montana's Original Wilderness Medicine – The Lewis & Clark Expedition Medical Perspective](#)."

SIGN UP

Officially sign up for the Billings Track during the fall of the second-year through Academic Affairs. Information can be obtained by the Registrar.

For more information about the Billings Track, please contact Dr. Zach Meyers or Mary Helgeson at 406-247-3297 or e-mail bto@ycchd.org.

Map of Montana WWAMI Sites



Residency Sites

- Fam** Family Medicine in Billings
Montana Family Medicine Residency
- IntMd** Internal Medicine
Billings
Dillon
Livingston
Missoula

- First Year Site
Montana State University
Bozeman
- Rural / Underserved
Opportunities
Program (R/UOP) Sites
- AHEC
Bozeman
- WRITE
Libby
Lewistown

Clerkship Sites

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| Fam | Family Medicine | Have |
| IntMd | Internal Medicine | Whitefish |
| Neuro | Neurology | Missoula |
| Ob/G | Obstetrics/Gynecology | Billings |
| Peds | Pediatrics | Great Falls |
| Psych | Psychiatry | Missoula |