

BANNER CLINIC FAMILY MEDICINE INFORMATION

BANNER MEDICAL CLINIC

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Students will work with the site director, Dr. Marion Smith and her practice group of five (5) Family Physicians and (1) General Surgeon. The group also includes 3 Nurse Practitioners and 2 Physician Assistants. The practice does the entire range of family and community care, including Emergency Department coverage, OB, pediatrics, in-patient, surgery, surgery assists and care center/nursing home practice. . This cohesive group of physicians is employed by Banner Health, and has a collaborative relationship with the Community Hospital in Torrington, owned by Banner Health. The hospital is a 25 bed Critical Access Hospital with a 24 hour Emergency Department, Obstetrics, surgery, and a full array of ancillary departments. The Banner Health campus of Banner Medical Clinic and Community Hospital are all conveniently located within about a 2 block radius. Peak Wellness, Public Health, two dental clinics, and an eye clinic are located in the same area. Torrington and Goshen County also provide the students the opportunity to work with Peak Wellness, mental health services, and St. Joseph's Children's Home and treatment center This practice will provide an in depth look at family and community care in a rural setting. The physicians are actively involved and can provide exposure to EMT training, ambulance service, public health, bio-terrorism, state programs for special health needs, group visits, pay for participation and community education and teaching. The physicians work with residency programs from the Cheyenne and Casper Family Practice Residency, and it is a Rural/Underserved Opportunity Program (RUOP) site for first year medical students.

Goshen County is located on the Platte River in South Eastern Wyoming and is the home of Eastern Wyoming College. The college provides many community activities, including a fitness center (WWAMI students will have a membership and use of the facilities) Lancer basketball and volleyball, theater and fine arts. It is 35 miles west of Scottsbluff, Nebraska and about 80 miles North and East of Cheyenne. It is a 3-hour drive from Denver, Colorado, and about 2 hours from Laramie and the University of Wyoming. There are opportunities for lake activities, mountain and road biking, mountain climbing, hunting and fishing.

Faculty:

The clerkship director is Dr. Marion Smith, and the other instructors include family medicine physicians Todd Berry MD, Ezdan Fluckiger MD, Bonnie Randolph MD, Norma Cantu MD, Jose Lopez MD, and Isiffi Karimou MD. Also on their provider staff are Natalie Beck FNP, Michelle Hunter PA-C, Rachel Halley, FNP, Matthew Mattis, PA-C, and Catherine Blow, FNP. The general surgeon is George Fortier, MD.

Housing:

Two bedroom furnished tri-level apartment, (living room, kitchen ½ bath located on main floor, two bedrooms upstairs with a full bathroom upstairs.) basement with a washer and dryer) built in 1996, outside parking for two vehicles, dishwasher, washer & dryer, television, wireless internet, full size stove refrigerator and microwave, small front and back yard. The house is furnished and has cookware, dishes, towels, sheets, and ironing board. It does not have a computer, but is set up with a wireless router and high speed internet. No pets or smoking please. Arrangements for spouse or family can be done with the site coordinator and other students sharing the rotation. The apartment is located about a two blocks from the hospital/clinic campus, about half mile from the down town area, and 1 block from the campus of Eastern Wyoming College. Students will be given a shared membership for the college fitness center. During the school year there are Jr. College Volleyball and Basketball games at EWC. Torrington has two nice grocery stores, several restaurants a movie theater and fast food places.

Transportation:

Car is highly recommended; clinic and hospital are walking distance but off site activities and getting to Torrington is probably best done by car. Scottsbluff, Nebraska has an airport, there are flights from Cheyenne, Wyoming 80 miles away and it is about 3 hours to Denver International Airport if students need to coordinate flights during their stay.

Preliminary Arrangements:

Call Dr. Marion Smith or Jennelle Werner at 307-532-2107 x7058 a few days before arrival to confirm travel plans. Plan to arrive one day in advance of your clinic start. Also please email your Student Summary Sheet to them as well.

On arrival:

Jennelle will arrange for a key to be left at Community Hospital Emergency room for you. There will be directions to the house with the key. Plan to meet at the clinic on the first day of your rotation @ 8:00 am. You will meet with Jennelle Werner and arrangements will be made to meet with Susan Guth, Director of Medical Staff and HIM and Sandy Dugger, Human Resources at Community Hospital.

At least three to four weeks prior to your arrival you will need to go on line so secure a Banner Learning Center logon and password to complete required on line coursework through Banner Learning Center and to complete and fax background check information per Banner policy. Please make certain that you get your background check completed and fax as soon as possible to allow adequate time to complete this check by an outside

agency for Banner. If your background check is not back to the Hospital and Clinic before your arrival, it will delay the start of your rotation. Jennelle Werner will send you an e-mail approximately three weeks prior to your arrival on how to complete this task. You will need to bring your immunization records and your PPD results that have been updated within the last year.

The First morning will be a tour of the facilities and campus, introduction to physicians and staff and a quick orientation to the clinic. You will meet for a brief time with Dr. Smith, the site clerkship director and the physician that will be your main contact and preceptor for the rotation.

Clinical Work:

You will spend the majority of your time in the clinic seeing patients. You will have a primary preceptor, with a back up for any time that the primary will be out. There will also be scheduled times with other agencies and departments, such as public health, St Joseph's Children's Home, Obstetrics and ER.

Your preceptor may see the patient with you during the first portion of the clerkship. As faculty determines your competence, confidence and attitudes, they will gradually delegate more responsibility to you. In all cases a faculty member will see the patient after you and before the patient is released from the clinic visit. You are always expected to interrupt faculty for any questions or areas of uncertainty. The faculty counter-signs all orders. You should not order laboratory work without first discussing it with the faculty.

On Call:

Students are on call approximately 6 days/nights (24 hour shifts) during the rotation, taking ER call with one of the faculty doing ER shifts. This can be discussed with Dr. Smith and scheduled at the beginning of the rotation. The matter and timing of seeing ER patients will be determined by the faculty physician covering ER that shift.

In the Hospital:

We have a hospitalist program. We will schedule time for you to work with hospitalist and do hospital rounding. The schedule for your participation in surgery and Obstetrics is tailored to your needs, competency and desire. You will be allowed to assist with surgery under supervision of one of the faculty physicians. Same with the delivery of babies, and C-sections. During your rotations arrangements will be made to work with the physicians that do OB (there are 2) and various procedures and surgery. You will be on admitting call with your preceptor.

Nursing home:

You will make calls to nursing home residents and will be doing group rounds when scheduled with your preceptor.

Meetings and Presentations:

You will attend meetings, presentations and educational functions with your preceptor as scheduled.

Community Perspective -

You are urged to seek out opportunities with other agencies in Torrington, these include
Public Health

Peak Wellness Mental health

St. Joseph's Children's Home

Goshen Care Center

Goshen County Detention Center

Dress:

Business casual is appropriate for clinic and hospital during the work day; please wear a coat/scrub jacket with your Medical School ID. Patients will be told that students will be involved in their care. You should make a point of wearing your UW nametag and introduce yourself as a student physician working with the practice as part of your medical studies at the University of Washington. After hours ER call, weekend call and rounds and other after hours dress is determined by your preceptor, but more casual attire or scrubs is appropriate.

Practice Management and perspective:

You will be attending medical staff meetings, committee meetings and physician organization meetings with your preceptor as part of the rotation and training to understand the governance and complexities of a physician organization. Other practice management opportunities and projects are available if there is interest.

Community leaders, hospital leaders and health care organizations are interested in the medical student teaching program in this communities and would be interested in talking with you about their perspective on health care in the community as well as what life is like for residents in the area.

