

Our Training Tracks

Our vibrant residency attracts outstanding residents to our three training tracks: University Track, Denver Health Track, and our Rural Training Track.

The major difference between the University and Denver Health tracks is the resident's continuity clinic sites: University Track residents see continuity patients at UHealth's A.F. Williams Family Medicine Center while Denver Health Track residents practice at Denver Health's Lowry Family Health Center. Otherwise, residents in these tracks share the same rotations, electives, didactics, faculty, mentors, and leadership.

Residents in our Rural Training Track spend their intern year in Denver with all other interns, seeing patients at A.F. Williams Family Medicine Clinic and enjoying a customized set of intern rotations preparing them for practice in Fort Morgan, Colorado, where they complete their last two years of training. They see continuity patients at Salud Family Health Fort Morgan Clinic and complete many rotations at St. Elizabeth Hospital. They attend didactics with other residents via remote access.

Our graduates are prepared to practice in a variety of settings, regardless of their training track.

Denver Health Track

- Residents complete a one-month elective rotation, chosen from a selection of underserved medicine opportunities. Examples include: refugee health, healthcare for the homeless, Indian Health Service, substance abuse treatment, or a rural rotation.

Continuity clinic: Denver Health's Lowry Family Health Center

- Denver Health is Denver's primary safety net hospital system and includes nine Federally Qualified Health Centers, including Lowry, and seventeen school based health centers. Denver Health has over 50 years of experience running FQHC's and opened the first FQHC west of the Mississippi
- Lowry is located in the Lowry neighborhood in east Denver, about 3 miles south of the A.F. Williams Family Medicine Clinic.
- Denver Health partners with the Colorado Refugee Services Program and Colorado Department of Human Services to offer health screenings to new refugees or asylees in the Denver Health Refugee Clinic, incorporated within the Lowry Family Health Center.
- Patient population: Lowry's patients are incredibly diverse and come from several nearby communities, including the East Colfax neighborhood of Denver and various parts of Aurora. We serve a large population of recent immigrants and refugees from around the world, including Central and South America, several regions of Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East. The majority of our patients are insured through Medicare/Medicaid, and a proportion of our patients are uninsured and receive care through a sliding fee scale. Overall, 40% of patients are African-American and 30% are Latino. Approximately 50% of patients speak neither English nor Spanish.
- Providers at Lowry work within interdisciplinary care teams that include a psychiatrist and psychiatry residents, psychologists, an addiction management specialist, clinical pharmacist, social worker, patient navigators, and telephonic interpretation services.
- The clinic provides several areas of specialized care, including addiction clinic with medication-assisted treatment, sports medicine, podiatry, latent TB treatment, HIV, and care for transgender patients.
- Certified by NCQA as a Level 3 PCMH.

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University Track

- AF Williams Family Medicine Center is the large academic clinic for the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, one of seven departmental family medicine clinics

Continuity clinic: A.F. Williams Family Medicine Center

- Patients population is an urban underserved diverse population consisting of Medicaid, Medicare, and privately insured.
- Knows for it's clinical innovation locally and nationally:
 - Second residency practice in the nation recognized as an NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home.
 - 2014 PCMH Practice of the Year awarded by the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians.
 - 2016 STFM Innovative Practice Award, given to the top residency practice in the nation leading practice transformation.
- Implemented the Primary Care Redesign clinic model in 2015, an advanced practice model to support clinical work with two MAs per provider, increased MA scope through training and protocols, which was recently published in the Annals of Family Medicine as way to prevent physician burnout and improve quality outcomes.
- The clinic provides complex chronic disease management, preventative services, addiction medication-assisted treatment, gender-affirming care, medication abortion, and outpatient procedures including women's health procedures such as colposcopy, LEEP, and contraception management.
- Providers at A.F. Williams work within interprofessional teams that include pharmacists, behavioral health providers, social workers, care managers, patient navigators, sports medicine physicians, chronic pain/substance abuse specialists, and psychiatrists and psychiatry residents.
- Grant funding for clinical programs to include medical-legal services, ER follow-up coordinator, and telepsychiatry expansion.
- Our care team manages patients with high complexity and our transitions of care program, identifies and manages high-risk patients as they are discharged from the hospital, and transition to care in the outpatient setting.
- Multiple medical students, psychology students, and clinical pharmacy learners
- We are certified by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Level 3 Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH).

Rural Training Track

- Residents complete their first year in Denver and their final two years in Fort Morgan, Colorado, a town of a little over 11,000 people 85 miles northeast of Denver. Fort Morgan is one of the most diverse communities in Colorado.
- The first year of Family Medicine Residency training is devoted to basic family medicine skills required to evaluate, diagnose, and treat patients with a wide variety of illnesses and conditions. This year is spent at the University of Colorado in Denver. Training is divided between A.F. Williams Family Medicine Clinic, Emergency Medicine, ICU, Obstetrics, and Pediatric Care rotations. Clinical educational activities occur at three affiliated hospitals: University of Colorado Hospital (UCH), the Denver Health Medical Center (DHMC), and Children's Hospital Colorado (CHC).
- During the last two years of training, residents spend most of their time at St. Elizabeth Hospital (SEH) and the outpatient clinic Salud Family Health, a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), in Fort Morgan. SEH is a 50 bed, acute care hospital. It supports 2 counties with approximately 35,000 residents. While most of the training will be in either Salud or SEH, residents will also spend time in the community. The Geriatric Rotation in the 2nd year will take place at Valley View Care Center in Fort Morgan.
- Residents have the opportunity to work one on one with supervising attendings, as the sole resident learner.
- Residency Didactics are shared with the Denver based program virtually or in person.
- Additionally, the program works to help residents obtain housing in Fort Morgan. We provide a housing stipend of \$300 per month for all three years of training.