



Christ Health Family Medicine Residency at St. Vincent's East



Unique Opportunities

International Missions

- 1-to-4-week elective credit rotations
- Program financial stipend for trip expenses
- Assistance with organization and trip preparation by experienced faculty members
- Past rotation locations include: Central and South America (Honduras, Peru, Venezuela), East and Central Asia (China, Korea, other), West/Central/North Africa (Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Ivory Coast, Egypt, other, Caribbean (Haiti, D.R., Cuba); Hurricane relief/disaster management

Urban Ministries/Service Opportunities

- Partnership with several local ministries: Special training in understanding the challenges and rewards of serving the underserved within an urban setting
- M-Power acute care clinic: Residents volunteer here, working alongside faculty in the only free clinic in Birmingham

Mentoring & Leadership

- People in Medicine monthly dinner meetings
- Monthly resident journal club discussing AAFP journal articles at local restaurants
- Involvement in local state and national organizations

Clinical Outcomes Research

- Multiple opportunities for quality improvement projects regarding patient safety or other areas of interest
- Case studies (various residents submit interesting cases for review and possible publication)
- Scholarly activity research opportunities (collaborations with NIH, AMSA, ABFM, & Alabama clinical therapeutics)

Sports Medicine

- Sponsoring institution for St. Vincent's Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship
- Longitudinal, extracurricular experience over the three years of residency (high school team doctor, after-hours sports clinic)
- Sports medicine rotation

Pharmacotherapy

- Long-standing partnership with Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy, who provide the program with two pharmacy faculty to assist in both the inpatient and outpatient settings
- Fewer than 30% of family medicine residency programs have clinical pharmacists as part of their program (and we have two!)
- Pharmacy faculty teach noon conferences, work with the medical team on rounds and in clinic, and offer Pharmacotherapy electives to residents allowing them to gain targeted experience in managing complex medication regimens