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MATCH DAY

1. There were over 1,000 applicants, with 93 applicants interviewed, representing 45 different medical schools. From these 93 interviews, 10 residents were chosen.

2. 10 students matched, with nine from osteopathic schools and one from an allopathic school.

3. There are three medical schools represented: VCOM, A.T. Still, and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.
MEET THE DIO

A Message From The DIO:

What an honor it is for me to serve as East Alabama Health’s Designated Institutional Official (DIO) during our inaugural year of operating the Internal Medicine (IM) Residency Program!

Coming from a community-based teaching hospital in the western Birmingham, Ala. market, I have been exposed to the positive benefits of academic-focused health care since I started my career in healthcare administration. I have seen first-hand what it means to the rest of the medical and professional staff in a hospital to have residents in-house: there is a heightened focus on quality, processes, and professionalism that positively affects those involved in direct teaching as well as those not directly involved. “Everyone elevates their game” is a phrase I’ve often heard in regard to becoming an academic training site for physicians. That is what I have seen thus far at East Alabama Health, and that is our program’s focus going forward - that the collective health system is improved through the implementation and operationalization of our Internal Medicine Residency Program.

It is a true privilege to serve the community of East Alabama through my role as Chief Operating Officer at East Alabama Health, and now as DIO of the IM Residency Program. At East Alabama Health, our first priority is our patients, and patient access to healthcare services is paramount to the collective health of our communities. East Alabama Health aims to increase access to both primary care and specialty services through investment in new programs like the IM Residency Program. The inpatient service of the residency team and the new outpatient continuity clinic that this team operates are both wonderful benefits for the citizens of our community.

As DIO, my door is always open for feedback on how our program can improve in our efforts to care for our community. I am so proud of the Internal Medicine Residency team and their efforts thus far, and I am so hopeful for the bright future they offer to our local community and beyond.

Sarah Nunnelly
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
VISIT FROM DR. STEINHILBER- MARCH 7, 2022

Dr. Starr Steinhilber, MD, MPH, FACP visited East Alabama Health to speak at Grand Rounds. Dr. Steinhilber is one of the Assistant Program Directors for the Internal Medicine Residency Program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), directs their quality curriculum, and co-directs their Clinician Educator Track. Her presentation, “QI Projects: From the Ground Up,” was focused on helping the residents prepare for their quality improvement projects that they will begin in their second year of residency. She gave a framework for future projects including project selection, evaluating the current state of the problem, setting SMART goals, gathering data, designing and implementing an intervention, and gathering data post-intervention. Her guidance will be invaluable for the residents in their future work.

VISIT FROM DR. SUTTON- MARCH 10, 2022

The Internal Medicine Residency Program was fortunate to have Dr. Frank Sutton visit the Program on March 10 and 11. Dr. Sutton inaugurated our “visiting professor” series. Though now retired, Dr. Sutton served for over thirty years as a pulmonologist and medical educator with Baptist Health System in Birmingham, where he was also a mentor for both Dr. Old and Dr. Presley.

His skills in physical exam were on display throughout his stay as he made bedside teaching rounds, participated in moderating morning report, and gave a stellar didactic session on the nuances of a thorough pulmonary exam. Dr. Sutton is a “modern-day Tinsley Harrison” and the program was excited to be the gracious recipient of his humble teaching methods and superb diagnostic skills.

While here, Dr. Sutton was also able to encourage faculty, residents and local medical students at the weekly dinner meeting of the Christian Medical Association (CMDA). Many years of insight, wisdom, and compassion were shared in his message that evening. All participating staff and residents were refreshed and challenged by Dr. Sutton’s visit.
ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS BY RESIDENTS AND FACULTY


**Blackmon L.** Douthit NT. Danger! Flesh Eating Disease Wearing An Invisibility Cloak. Presented by Dr. L. Blackmon at SGIM Southern Regional Meeting February 10, 2022 (virtual)

**Clay H.** Aron B, **Spain-Mansmann K.** Douthit NT. An Autoimmune Concoction: The Difficult Diagnosis of a Cavitary Lung Lesion. Presented by Ms. Bray Aron, OMSIII at SGIM Southern Regional Meeting February 10, 2022 (virtual)

**Blackmon J.** Presley S, Old C. Deposition You Do Not Want To Miss. Presented by Dr. J. Blackmon at SGIM Southern Regional Meeting February 10, 2022 (virtual)

**Santiago-Colberg W.** Douthit NT. A Case of Thyrotoxic Periodic Paralysis. Presented by Dr. Santiago-Colberg at SGIM Southern Regional Meeting February 10, 2022 (virtual)


**Blackmon L.** Douthit NT. If it Walks, Talks and Quacks Like a Duck, it may be a Platypus: COP as a Mimic of Cancer. Presented by Dr. L. Blackmon at AL-MS ACP Chapter Meeting in Meridian, MS, June 11 2021

**Blackmon J.** Douthit NT. Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome: Needs Management Stat. Presented by Dr. J. Blackmon at AL-MS ACP Chapter Meeting in Meridian, MS, June 11 2021

**Blackmon J.** Douthit NT. Challenging Coinfection: Asymptomatic Lung Infiltrates in AIDS Patients. Presented by Dr. J. Blackmon at AL-MS ACP Chapter Meeting in Meridian, MS, June 11 2021