East Alabama Health Internal Medicine, which is the continuity clinic that will be staffed by Internal Medicine residents, will begin seeing patients in the former Auburn Diagnostic Imaging (ADI) building at 1527 Professional Parkway in Auburn on Tuesday, September 14.

The Internal Medicine residents will establish a panel of patients for whom they will provide continuity of care throughout their residency training. Residents will be supervised in the clinic by the Internal Medicine Residency Program's core faculty. Each intern will practice in the continuity clinic one half-day per week. As upper levels, residents will have one full day (or two half-days) of continuity clinic.

East Alabama Health Internal Medicine will see patients 18 years and older. Most patients will be referred to the clinic following their hospital admission, and some patients may be referred to the clinic by word of mouth if they have not established care with another local physician.
If you have a patient you would like to refer to the continuity clinic, please call 334-364-3000 after September 14 with pertinent patient information, including name, date of birth and contact phone number or e-mail address.

Some patients may not be appropriate for the teaching clinic; each case will be reviewed and an appointment given to those patients who meet the established criteria for being followed at the clinic. The clinic will see both insured and non-insured patients.

INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENT TEAM

Internal Medicine residents are physicians who provide inpatient care at EAMC as well as longitudinal primary care in an outpatient setting at East Alabama Health Internal Medicine. After completing their three-year program, Internal Medicine residents will be qualified to sit for board exams and begin their careers or pursue further subspecialty training.

Our Internal Medicine resident team, which is supervised by an attending physician, admits and manages hospitalized patients who previously did not have a primary care physician. Each patient will have the opportunity to follow up after their hospital stay and for their primary care needs at East Alabama Health Internal Medicine, which is staffed by IM resident physicians.

CORE FACULTY ATTENDING PHYSICIANS

Nathan T. Douthit, M.D.  
W. Michael Hall, M.D.  
Rekha Lall, M.D.  
Christopher Old, M.D. FACP  
Steven Presley, M.D., MMM  
Program Director
Jose Leon, M.D.

"Having an internal medicine training program at East Alabama Health is very exciting and benefits us all. There will now be more primary care options as these residents will not just care for hospitalized patients, but will also be trained in outpatient services. It will challenge our staff to keep and solidify skills that will translate into better patient care. Some of these young physicians will eventually return to practice in this growing and vibrant area, which is also very exciting.

"Our residents will have access to a rich and very diverse pool of patients, and will gain practical experience in a setting where they are likely to practice after their training. This program will offer a variety of opportunities to our medical students at VCOM, including a greater academic environment, more clinical research opportunities, and an excellent program for them to continue with their post graduate formation."

Ricardo Maldonado, M.D.

"During unusual times, starting an Internal Medicine Residency Program has been a breath of fresh air. It is so encouraging to see these residents hit the ground running and eager to learn. As I reflect on my training and think about the teaching physicians who had such an impact on my journey, I strive to encourage, teach and challenge these young physicians.

"Our community has a need for internists to stay here as the area grows. The continuity clinic, which will be staffed by our Internal Medicine residents and attending physicians, will be an asset to those needing access to primary care. We are honored and excited that these Internal Medicine residents have joined our hospital and community for their training."

W. Park McGehee, M.D.

"I am excited about our residency program because it gives us an opportunity to touch the future through teaching. Also, it allows us to give back to the profession that has been so good to us. It seems like yesterday we were all first-year residents and senior physicians took time to work with us and mold us into the doctors we are today. Now it’s our turn and the roles are reversed. We are the teachers.

"The residency program also gives us the opportunity to recruit new physicians whom we know and have worked with. They all chose to be in Auburn and Opelika, and we hope to convince some of them to stay after they complete their training."
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