

# Residencies and Fellowships At-a-Glance

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## DENTIST AND PHYSICIAN RESIDENCIES

### Dentistry *CODA*\*

Offers six dental graduates a one-year residency in a modern, well-equipped 12-chair operator with three full-time dentists, eight dental assistants, three hygienists and administrative support staff. Residents are involved in a wide range of diagnoses and treatment including oral surgery, operative dentistry, fixed and removable prosthetics, periodontics, pedodontics and endodontics. Contact: David Hicklin, DMD, program director  
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### Emergency Medicine

This three-year training program accepts ten residents annually via ERAS from across the United States. Residents are supervised by 24 ABEM board-certified attending physicians who average 15 years of clinical experience after residency and expertise in a wide range of emergency medicine practice, including ultrasound, EMS, toxicology, wilderness medicine, simulation medicine, pediatrics, information technology, HBO, hospital administration and global health. Contact: Thomas P. Cook, MD, program director  
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### Family Medicine–Columbia

This three-year training program accepts ten residents annually under the direction of 16 board-certified family physicians including two behavioral scientists; a clinical pharmacologist; sports medicine, geriatric, preventive medicine and maternity care specialists; a computerized information systems specialist; a nursing director and an active research division with an extensive research infrastructure. Contact: Sandra Molina, program coordinator  
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### Family Medicine–Sumter

Based at Tuomey Hospital in Sumter, SC, this program strives to create an ideal learning environment for developing future family medicine specialists. Our partnership with Sumter Family Health Center, a federally qualified community health center, ensures that residents will train in a community-focused practice centered on the care of the underserved. Our faculty include nine family physicians; sports medicine, geriatric, and maternity care specialists; behavioral medicine; and medical and surgical sub-specialists. Contact: Shannon Mewborn, program coordinator  
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### Internal Medicine

This three-year training program accepts up to 14 residents at each level. Full-time faculty members (57) offer in-depth exposure to primary patient care and subspecialties in internal medicine. First-years devote six months to inpatient care in the general medicine services. then six months of the intern year are spread evenly over ambulatory care, medical intensive care unit and elective subspecialty rotations. Second and third-year residents spend an additional six-to-seven months as senior residents on rotations through cardiology, pulmonary, gastroenterology, allergy/immunology, nephrology, neurology, rheumatology, dermatology, hematology/oncology, infectious disease and emergency medicine. Contact: Rachel Jones, program coordinator  
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### Internal Medicine–Primary Care

This three-year primary care program curriculum offers diverse experiences in a variety of settings including private practices and rural health clinics. Our goal is to train excellent primary care physicians and future leaders in primary care and in health care delivery in general. Residents are exposed to training in population health, quality improvement, multidisciplinary and team based care models, collaborative care models between primary

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### Neurology

Residents in this four-year program are trained to provide neurological services and are at the forefront of patient care, teaching, and providing and discovering new treatments for neurological diseases. The faculty has vast experience and expertise in neurology and specific representations in epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, neuromuscular diseases, headache, stroke, movement disorders, memory and sleep disorders. The program coordinates closely with colleagues in the neurosurgery, neuropsychiatry and neuroradiology departments to provide the most comprehensive care to patients with neurological diseases.

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### Obstetrics and Gynecology

This four-year residency program accepts up to four residents at each level. The department has expertise in the fields of ultrasonography in obstetrics and gynecology, maternal/fetal medicine, including fetal procedures and critical care obstetrics, genetics, benign gynecologic surgery, including minimally invasive techniques, reproductive endocrinology, gynecologic oncology, urogynecology and pediatric and adolescent gynecology.

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### Ophthalmology

This three-year program accepts three residents at each level. Residents accepted into the ophthalmology training programs must have taken a post-graduate clinical year (PGY 1) in a program accredited by either the ACGME or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Residents receive general training in ophthalmology with a progressively expanding spectrum of clinical experience. Noted for its high surgical volume, the program provides surgical experience in all subspecialties, progressing at each level of training.

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### Orthopedic Surgery

This five-year program accepts three residents at each level with orthopedic rotations including eight major subspecialties, each represented by no fewer than two faculty members. The faculty to resident ratio allows for one-on-one clinical and operative experiences, even for junior residents, promoting more rapid progression of responsibilities. The presence of multiple faculty within each subspecialty field allows for diversity of approach and opinion. USC Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, part of the Palmetto Health-USC Medical Group, has more than 30,000 patient visits each year with 2,000 surgical cases per year performed at Prisma Health Richland Hospital.

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### Pediatrics

This three-year program accepts twelve residents at each level with supervision provided by a staff of 78 full-time board-certified physicians. The program's focus is on primary care and is directed by academic generalists, augmented by subspecialists and based on comprehensive continuity care. The pediatric clinic has approximately 16,000 visits each year. Supplementing this experience is a wide range of specialty clinics. Experience is enhanced by rotations in the Pediatric Emergency Medicine department and through continuity care clinics. The pediatric emergency department has approximately 30,000 visits each year.

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### Plastic Surgery

This program is a six-year residency focused on producing a well-rounded plastic surgeon knowledgeable in all aspects of plastic and reconstructive surgery. Only one resident is accepted into each year of training to provide the greatest possible individual attention to the growth and development of the knowledge base and technical skills of the surgeon. Developing the skills for critical thinking and lifelong learning are important aspects of the training and will be strongly emphasized.

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### Preventive Medicine

A two-year residency in general preventive medicine and public health, combining clinical and academic training with practicum experience in a variety of public health and preventive medicine settings. Our location and

flexible program design allow a wide range of training opportunities that can be adapted to the needs and interests of individual residents. Residents participate in clinical rotations throughout both training years. The training curriculum includes the completion of a master of public health (MPH) degree at the University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health.

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### Psychiatry

Six residents per year are accepted into the four-year general psychiatry program. The full-time, adjunct and volunteer faculty are a diverse group who provide a curriculum of didactic and clinical experiences designed to produce skilled clinicians. Faculty are board-certified in general psychiatry, geriatric psychiatry, forensic psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine. Experiences include assessment and using multiple treatment modalities in public, private, inpatient and outpatient settings.

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### Surgery

This is a six-year surgical training program with up to 20 residents. Residents spend a block of time in the surgical specialty services as well as general surgery, trauma surgery and surgical critical care. Prisma Health Richland Hospital is the only Level I Trauma Center for Midlands area of South Carolina and the Trauma Service evaluates nearly 4,500 injured patients each year with nearly 2,000 injury admissions. The Dorn VA Medical Center provides a second campus for surgical clinical experience. Annually, more than 6,000 operative procedures are performed at both institutions. A full-time academic faculty is devoted to resident and medical student education. Expertise in minimally invasive surgery is available as well as the traditional spectrum of general surgery. General surgical trainees have opportunities to gain operative experience in thoracic, cardiac, vascular and urologic surgery.

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## PHYSICIAN FELLOWSHIPS

### Cardiology

A three-year fellowship program admitting two fellows per year. Training takes place jointly on the Prisma Health Richland Hospital campus and the Dorn VA Medical Center. The program offers balanced training to meet the rigors of a general cardiology practice and provides a solid foundation for the potential pursuit of further subspecialty training. The curriculum can be tailored to meet one's individual and professional goals during elective and research training blocks. Overall training is focused on mastering the core clinical competencies of the ACGME.

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### Critical Care - Surgical

This one-year program accepts one fellow each academic year. Fellows develop proficiency in the recognition and comprehensive management of problems commonly encountered in the surgical critical care arena and to satisfy requirements and successfully obtain certification in surgical critical care by the American Board of Surgery. All applicants should be board eligible in general surgery or have completed three years of general surgery training, and have a letter from their program director providing assurance that the fellow may return to general surgery training following completion of the critical care fellowship.

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### Emergency Medical Services

This one-year program admits one fellow per year to train with core faculty who are nationally recognized leaders in EMS with years of experience in medical direction of both ground and air medical programs. The fellow will be integral to the pre-hospital setting from both a ground and air standpoint, with opportunities for travel. Applicants must be graduates of an ACGME accredited emergency medicine residency and be board-certified or board-eligible in emergency medicine. In addition, the applicant must qualify for S.C. medical licensure.

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## Simulation

A one-year simulation fellowship admitting one fellow per year. This fellowship offers a motivated individual the opportunity to have dedicated learning and practice in techniques of simulation-based education. The fellow will contribute to all facets of the operation including curriculum design, scenario development, course delivery, didactics, technology procurement and maintenance, research and community outreach. Applicants must be graduates of an ACGME-accredited residency program in Emergency Medicine.

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## Emergency Medicine–Global Health

Fellows receive formal training in public health, research methods, and tropical medicine with hands-on field experience, and work with a variety of non-governmental organizations to develop their own interests into a sustainable project. Fellows serve as attending physicians in the Richland Emergency Department supervising residents in addition to fieldwork. The fellowship is completed over two years in conjunction with a master's degree from London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine by distance learning (one year for applicants who already have a master's degree). The program partners with OneWorld Health Masindi-Kitara Medical Center in Uganda.

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## Emergency Medicine Ultrasound

This one-year emergency medicine ultrasound fellowship develops highly-motivated emergency physicians into future educators and researchers with expertise in application of ultrasound technology to direct patient care. The program provides opportunities to work side-by-side with experts in emergency ultrasound, echocardiography and vascular ultrasound, as well as development of educational skills through lecturing and bedside teaching to residents, medical students and practicing physicians.

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## Endocrinology

This two-year program admits two fellows per year. All applicants should be board eligible in internal medicine. This fellowship program prepares the physician to be competent in endocrinology and to function as a consultant. There are outstanding opportunities for clinical research and faculty research programs include male reproductive endocrinology and diabetes. An

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## Family Medicine–Global Health

This two-year fellowship offers an opportunity to develop teaching and leadership skills for international medical work, while also taking courses from the Arnold School of Public Health. A master's degree in public health will be completed during the second year. This program will have the fellow spending approximately nine months of the year in the United States, with three months being abroad on a related international service project.

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## Geriatrics

Designed for physicians who have completed an internal medicine or family medicine residency and wish to specialize in the care and treatment of older adults. Training combines an understanding of the physiology of aging, changing patterns of presentation and progression of aging-related disease and unique geriatric syndromes. Research opportunities include an optional second year focusing on research skills and initiating a research project.

Educational debt forgiveness for geriatricians agreeing to practice in S.C. for five years is offered by the state. Preference is given to those completing fellowship training in S.C. The state loan forgiveness program repays up to \$35K per year of fellowship training.

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## Hospice and Palliative Medicine

The fully accredited one year fellowship offers a methodically developed, comprehensive core curriculum that will prepare our fellows academically and clinically. The small class allows a personalized learning experience with a high volume of clinical exposure and balanced training. Fellows progressively gain the knowledge and skills necessary to manage conditions for seriously ill patients and for those at the end-of-life. Elective time is offered to accommodate individual training requirements and career goals.

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## Infectious Diseases

This two-year accepts two fellows at each level. The program is designed to prepare fellows for academic and/or clinical careers in infectious disease. Training includes

both clinical and research aspects including hospital epidemiology, infection control and public health. The program is committed to developing the teaching skills needed to become an outstanding clinical educator. Trainees care for a diverse population of patients at Prisma Health Richland Hospital, the Dorn VA Medical Center and our combined Infectious Disease/HIV Ambulatory Clinic.

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### **Psychiatry – Child and Adolescent**

This two-year program offers four training positions each year. Fellows rotate on a children's inpatient unit at a state hospital and an adolescent inpatient unit in a private hospital setting, and follow outpatients in multiple clinical settings. Fellows learn to provide balanced care for young patients, including both psychotherapy and pharmacotherapy, with emphasis on a multi-disciplinary approach.

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### **Psychiatry – Forensic**

This one-year fellowship focuses on the interface of psychiatry and the legal system. Board-certified forensic faculty, didactic curricula, interdisciplinary approaches to mental health services, excellent training in pre-and post-trial civil and criminal litigation, and a wealth of experience in court-testimony are offered in this fellowship.

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### **Psychiatry – Geriatric**

This one-year fellowship offers a diverse range of clinical experience with board-certified geriatric psychiatry faculty. Settings including inpatient, hospice, outpatient, neurology, nursing home, consultation liaison, integrated care, sleep medicine and research. Clinical sites include public and private sector as well as Veterans Administration sites. Fellows rotate at public and private nursing home facilities that are representative of the socio-economic mix of the S.C. older adult population.

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### **Pulmonary and Critical Care**

The pulmonary and critical care fellowship is a three-year program. Prisma Health Richland Hospital is the primary site and Dorn VA Medical Center also serves as a training

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### **Sports Medicine**

The family medicine division offers two one-year fellowships in sports medicine for physicians who have satisfactorily completed an ACGME accredited residency in primary care. Graduates are eligible to take the examination for Certificate of Added Qualifications in Sports Medicine. Fellows develop advanced knowledge and skills in the management of physically active patients, and teaching and research in sports medicine. The program is affiliated with University of South Carolina athletics (Division 1A), and covers events and care for student athletes from local schools.

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### **Ultrasound–Primary Care**

This is a one-year fellowship open to graduates of residencies in family medicine, internal medicine and pediatrics. Fellows are supervised by their respective department and the director of the UofSC Ultrasound Institute. Training includes ultrasound basics and scanning and interpretation skills related to the practice of primary care including echocardiography, vascular, abdominal, emergency medicine, pulmonary, musculoskeletal and ultrasound-guided procedures. Experience also is available in the areas of obstetrics/gynecology, sports medicine and ophthalmology.

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### **Vascular Neurology**

This one-year fellowship admits two physicians per year for training for the Initial Certification in the Subspecialty of Vascular Neurology administered by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. The program is a supervised, full-time educational experience in prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cerebrovascular diseases and the integration of endovascular and neurosurgical therapies.

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## Joining our residency family

Residency is even more than training, service, research and patient care. It is also joining a new community of peers and the extended family of Prisma Health–Midlands.

The Prisma Health Resident Auxiliary makes a difference to out-of-town residents and their families as they make Columbia their new home-away-from-home! Encouragement and shared experiences in the Columbia area help residents and their families continue to feel welcome and connected in the community.

Volunteer co-chairs from the residency family lead the Prisma Health Resident Auxiliary, a support group that leads an extended social network for residents and fellows, their spouses, partners, and significant others. The Resident Auxiliary is dedicated to providing opportunities for fun and fellowship outside of work.

The purpose of the Auxiliary is low-hassle fun and peer support. The Auxiliary co-chairs coordinate with the GME team to help plan enjoyable gatherings and get the word out.

The Office of Graduate Medical Education (GME) also encourages and supports this effort by funding an annual budget for the Resident Auxiliary to hold a Welcome Party for incoming residents/fellows and their families (in June or July) as well as a Holiday Party and other events that will appeal to this diverse group (e.g., trips to Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Garden, Gamecocks and Columbia Fireflies games, bowling at The Grand, etc.).

A Welcome Guide for Incoming Residents/Fellows is provided on the website managed by the GME office:  
[residency.palmettohealth.org/why-choose/resident-council/resident-auxiliary](http://residency.palmettohealth.org/why-choose/resident-council/resident-auxiliary).

## Care and community

Supporting wellness and resiliency is a priority at Prisma Health–Midlands and we offer resources that range from counseling services to fitness facilities access at the University of South Carolina.

Learn more here: [residency.palmettohealth.org/why-choose/wellness/well-being-and-resiliency-resources](http://residency.palmettohealth.org/why-choose/wellness/well-being-and-resiliency-resources).



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