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SOUTHWEST INDIANA INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY

Welcome

Welcome to the Indiana University School of Medicine Southwest Indiana Internal Medicine Residency program.

Our goals are to excel in medical education, to provide state of the art healthcare to the people of Southwest Indiana, and to serve in rural communities in need of medical care. From community physicians, nursing personnel, allied health providers, and senior administration, Southwest Indiana has embraced the program its pursuit of training the complete internist, one who can provide top-notch care to the region.

Our program is sponsored by the Indiana University School of Medicine and is part of the Southwest Indiana Graduate Medical Education Consortium, an initiative of allied IU residency programs intended to provide care and to address the physician shortage in the region. IU School of Medicine provides a formidable armamentarium of support, in the form of dedicated personnel, funding, and other resources to ensure the clinical and academic success of the program. IU School of Medicine has a proven history of excellence in medical education and we are pleased to be directly involved in teaching and supervising medical students on our services and clinics. We are proud to be the largest program within the consortium and the tip of the spear in its mission.

In 2020, we welcomed the inaugural class of the Southwest Indiana Internal Medicine Residency Program under the leadership of our first program director, Dr. Robert D. Ficalora, who brought his Mayo background of intense academic rigor, educational innovation, and rural medicine to our communities. Because of these initiatives, our residents are involved in a variety of national conferences, invited presentations, published in academic journals, and recognized with awards from medical societies.

Though the program is young, our core faculty is highly experienced with over 80 years of total experience in Graduate Medical Education. In addition to Dr. Ficalora, Dr. Margaret Beliveau is also from Mayo and an eminent, internationally recognized expert in perioperative medicine. Dr. James Butler is a graduate of the Billings Clinic residency program in Montana, which was also founded by Dr. Ficalora. Dr. Karl Sash is a cornerstone of Evansville community, who has been practicing as a local physician for over 20 years. Dr. Lee McKinley, another Hoosier native, has vast experience in healthcare administration, quality and safety, population health, critical care, and point of care ultrasound techniques. He also has more than 30 years of medical education experience teaching medical students through IU School of Medicine as an adjunct clinical professor and is a laureate of the American College of Physicians.

Our program continues the legacy of innovation and excellence in medical education with rigorous educational experiences conducted daily in both the inpatient and outpatient settings. Our [training sites](#) at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes and Ascension St. Vincent in Evansville provide contrasting experiences with rural and urban populations, a variety of subspecialty and procedural rotations, and state-of-the-art outpatient experiences in our Residency-Faculty Practices.

Most demonstrative of our program are the residents themselves. We have a proven legacy of recruiting high-performing residents from highly ranked medical schools, nationally, internationally and locally in Indiana. [Our residents](#) have presented at national conferences and have publications in internationally recognized journals such as the British Medical Journal. Finally, they provide the bulk of internal medicine care in the Southwest region of Indiana. They are hardworking, trailblazing, and adventurous, qualities that make them uniquely suited to building and establishing a residency program.

I welcome you to explore what we have to offer here at the Southwest Indiana Internal Medicine Residency Program, where we are the leaders in medical education in the region.

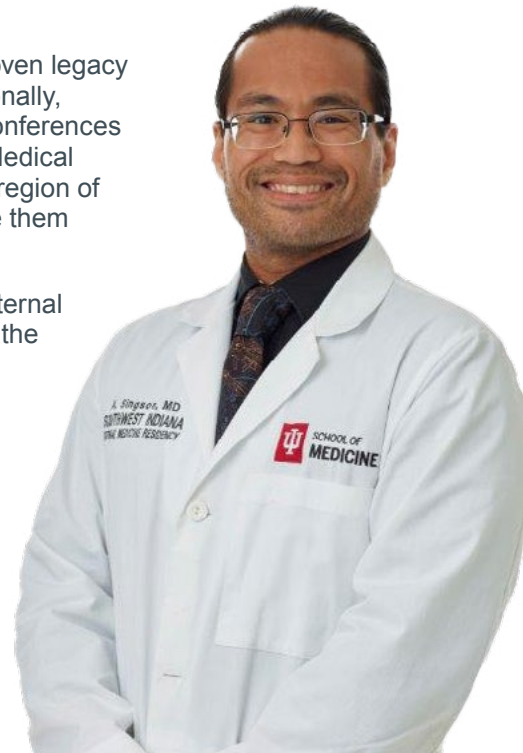
Sincerely,

Adrian Singson, MD, FACP

Program Director

Southwest Indiana Internal Medicine Residency

Professor of Clinical Medicine



Southwest Indiana Internal Medicine Residency Overview

The Southwest Indiana Internal Medicine Residency program is accredited from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and the first class of residents PGY1 are starting in July 2020.

The IU School of Medicine Southwest Indiana Internal Medicine Residency at Good Samaritan and Ascension St. Vincent is uniquely positioned to provide a superior educational experience for southern Indiana's first Internal Medicine Residency Program. The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has granted The Southwest Indiana Internal Residency initial accreditation and "commended the program for its demonstrated substantial compliance with the ACGME's Institutional and/or Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education without citations". The ACGME also issued an additional commendation for "a well-prepared application that demonstrates familiarity with the program requirements and plans for compliance including areas for growth and further development". With a focus on primary care, the two hospitals complement each other well. Through affiliations with numerous organizations that deliver care to rural patients, the Internal Medicine Residency program is able to offer a comprehensive clinical experience with a diverse population of patients. Residents train collaboratively in the resident faculty practice with psychiatry residents. Research entities include the Center for Clinical Translational Research, the Clinical Research Center, and all the resources of the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis and Evansville.

With a robust clinical heritage, a progressive attitude toward adoption of system-based processes to improve clinical care, and a directive to support education and research is fundamental to our mission. The Indiana University School of Medicine Southwest Indiana Internal Medicine Residency is an exceptional training site for Internal Medicine residents.

About Southwest Indiana

Southwest Indiana includes the communities of Vincennes, Princeton and Evansville. One look around any of these communities will reveal opportunity and growth.

Evansville

The hub of Southwest Indiana, Evansville is the economic, cultural, transportation and education leader of the region. Evansville is centrally located, providing residents, visitors and businesses with easy access to nearly all forms of transportation. Major highway access connects Southwest Indiana with other nearby major cities, including Indianapolis, Louisville, St. Louis and Nashville. Evansville Regional Airport connects Southwest Indiana with the world by operating nearly 30 daily flights to and from the major hubs of Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas and Detroit.



Evansville is home to a wide variety of cultural and entertainment amenities, including The Ford Center; Victory Theatre; Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden; Bosse Field; Koch Family Children's Museum of Evansville; Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science, and much more.

Evansville is also home to top-ranked educational institutions, like Signature School (ranked highest in Indiana and 7th best high school in the nation by Newsweek); University of Evansville (ranked ninth for Best Colleges, Midwest Regional Universities by U.S. News & World Report); and University of Southern Indiana, one of the state's fastest growing comprehensive universities with students from nearly every state and 67 other nations.

"Building outward from a strong core in Evansville, Southwest Indiana radiates with exciting opportunities and plans to develop dynamic communities to live, work and play. Looking back, future generations will see Indiana's bicentennial as a time when Hoosiers came together to create a better tomorrow, and Southwest Indiana is at the forefront."

- Mike Pence, Former Vice President and 50th Governor of the State of Indiana

About Southwest Indiana

Vincennes

The Vincennes community can best be summed up as “Small Town Living with Big City Flair.” Vincennes offers many of the amenities found in larger cities but is coupled with the same type of personal interaction and environment that is found in small towns across the Midwest.

As the first city founded in Indiana, originally a French fur trading outpost, Vincennes served as the home of the United States’ ninth president, William Henry Harrison during his governorship of Indiana. Many of the early city buildings display direct influences of French architecture, while many buildings and homes in the Old Town section of Vincennes are dated pre-1900. The City of Vincennes is also one of only three communities in the entire state of Indiana with a National Park within the city limits. The George Rogers Clark National Historic Park & Monument is located in the southwestern corner of the city.



Vincennes offers a choice of award-winning private and public schools. We are also home to Vincennes University, which offers a number of Associate and Bachelor Degrees, and has an affiliation with Big Ten School, Purdue University. The university provides the community a variety of theatrical and musical productions at the outstanding Red Skelton Performing Arts Center.

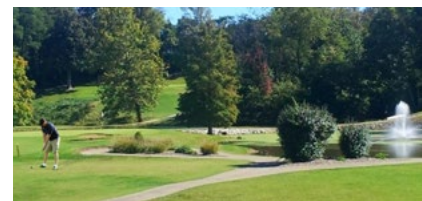
Vincennes and Knox County offer a wide variety of activities for families and individuals. Whether looking for a place to find solitude or to compete on a sports team, Vincennes has what you need.

For outdoor enthusiasts, Knox County has an impressive parks system, offering acres of rolling hills, hiking, cabins, walking trails, a dog park and more. Enjoy a day with friends and family at the golf course, water park, or one of the many local wineries. Here you can experience the beauty of all four seasons and take part in a variety of activities throughout the year.



Princeton

The City of Princeton, the county seat of Gibson County, sits just north of Evansville and is home to Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, Inc., one of the largest employers in Southwest Indiana with nearly 5,000 full-time employees. Known for its regal courthouse, historic theater, and assortment of downtown shops and restaurants, Princeton is where more than 9,000 residents call home.



Community members spend their afternoons at Lafayette Park to enjoy the sparkling fountains and live music. The children’s swimming park and numerous bike trails are also great for family activities. Princeton, Indiana is just a short drive from the Lyles Station Historic School and Museum and Azalea Path Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

With numerous leisure and sport activities, festivals, and wildlife refuge and parks, there is always something for everyone in Princeton.

Stone Family Center for Health Sciences

The Stone Family Center for Health Sciences is a partnership of the University of Evansville, the University of Southern Indiana and Indiana University. The new educational and research facility for health professionals provides training in fields including medicine, physician assistant, nursing and occupational therapy.

Filled with simulation labs, classrooms, work stations, research facilities and a 150-seat auditorium, the Stone Family Center for Health Sciences is at the helm of a new era of medical education for southwest Indiana.



Programs at the Stone Family Center for Health Sciences include:

- Indiana University medical students who will complete residencies at Deaconess Health System and Ascension St. Vincent in Evansville, Good Samaritan in Vincennes and Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper
- University of Evansville doctor of physical therapy and masters of physician assistant students
- University of Southern Indiana masters in occupational therapy, senior undergraduate nursing students and intensive exercises in other disciplines

In bringing together the expertise of the IU School of Medicine, the IU School of Dentistry, the nursing and occupational therapy programs of the University of Southern Indiana, the University of Evansville’s physician assistant program and its doctoral program in physical therapy, the Stone Family Center for Health Sciences will have a transformative effect—not only on how we educate those who provide health care—but also on the future of health care in southwest Indiana.



Leadership



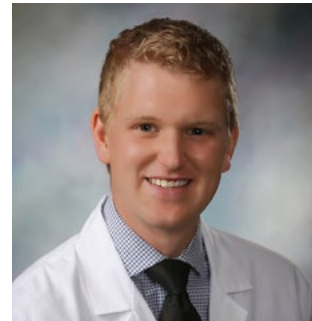
Dr. Adrian Singson
Program Director



Dr. Robert Ficalora
Senior Associate Program Director



Dr. Margaret Beliveau
Associate Program Director



Dr. James Butler
Associate Program Director



Dr. Karl W. Sash
St. Vincent Site Director

Key Faculty

- Waseem, Ahmad, MD
- Vijay K. Bhasin, MD
- Vishal Bhatia, MD
- Kara Garcia, PhD
- Roger F. Johnson, MD

- Cassandra J. Lacher, DO
- Lee McKinley, MD, AB
- Aaron J. Pugh, DO
- A.J. Voelkel, MD

Primary Care Integration

- Residents participate in the collaborative care model with primary care both in the Internal Medicine Continuity Clinic and the Psychiatry/Podiatry/Pharmacy Clinic, depending on location
- Residents have the opportunity to experience and work within models of collaborative care that are increasingly in demand
- There is significant opportunity for residents to expand knowledge of outpatient consultation liaison psychiatry and use our field's unique skills to increase services and improve outcomes for patients



Our Facilities

Good Samaritan - Vincennes, Indiana

- Good Samaritan is a 158-bed acute care community hospital with a full range of outpatient services including oncology, women's health, sleep medicine, neurology, primary care, palliative and hospice care; multiple medical specialties and general/specialty surgery clinics. Good Samaritan's new five-story inpatient tower opened in the summer of 2015.
- The Resident-Faculty Practice is an outpatient clinic co-located with psychiatry residents to provide primary care services for a 10-county service area of approximately 250,000 people.



Ascension St. Vincent - Evansville, Indiana

- As a part of Ascension, the nation's largest non-profit health system and the world's largest Catholic health system, St. Vincent stands as a leader in quality and innovation for the communities it serves in Southern Indiana, Western Kentucky and Southern Illinois.
- The Resident-Faculty Practice is an outpatient clinic co-located with the Post Discharge Clinic that primarily serves the needs of those released from the hospital. Residents provide primary care services for an eight-county service area of approximately 500,000 people.



Stone Family Center for Health Sciences - Evansville, Indiana

- New center opened in June 2018.
- Host to Evansville campus of Indiana University School of Medicine, the largest medical school in the country spanning nine integrated campuses throughout the state.
- The only full-service four-year branch campus of Indiana University School of Medicine



Program Schedule

Block Diagram - PRELIMS

Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Date	7/1 - 7/28	7/29 - 8/24	8/25 - 9/21	9/22 - 10/19	10/20 - 11/16	11/17 - 12/14	12/15 - 1/11	1/12 - 2/8	2/9 - 3/8	3/9 - 4/5	4/6 - 5/3	5/4 - 5/31	6/1 - 6/30
Site	GSH 2	AMB - StVE	StVE 2	MICI - GSH	GSH 2	AMB - StVE	StVE2	Night Medicine - GSH	GSH 1	Neurology - StVE	StVE2	AMB - Periop StVE	HemeOnc - GSH

Block Diagram PGY-1*

Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Date	7/1 - 7/28	7/29 - 8/24	8/25 - 9/21	9/22 - 10/19	10/20 - 11/16	11/17 - 12/14	12/15 - 1/11	1/12 - 2/8	2/9 - 3/8	3/9 - 4/5	4/6 - 5/3	5/4 - 5/31	6/1 - 6/30
Site	AMB - StVE	StVE 1	Cardiology - GSH	AMB - StVE	GSH 1	MICU - StVE	StVE 1	AMB - StVE	GSH 1	Night Medicine - StVE	Pulmonology - StVE	StVE 1	GSH 1
Clinics	GSH - Continuity StVE - Continuity												

Block Diagram PGY-2*

Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Date	7/1 - 7/28	7/29 - 8/24	8/25 - 9/21	9/22 - 10/19	10/20 - 11/16	11/17 - 12/14	12/15 - 1/11	1/12 - 2/8	2/9 - 3/8	3/9 - 4/5	4/6 - 5/3	5/4 - 5/31	6/1 - 6/30
Site	AMB - GSH	MICU - GSH	ED - GSH	GI - StVE	AMB - GSH	Neurology - StVE	AMB - Periop StVE	HemeOnc - GSH	StVE 2	Cardiology - GSH	Geriatrics - StVE	StVE 2	GSH 1
Clinics	GSH - Continuity StVE - Continuity												

Block Diagram PGY-3*

Block	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Date	7/1 - 7/28	7/29 - 8/24	8/25 - 9/21	9/22 - 10/19	10/20 - 11/16	11/17 - 12/14	12/15 - 1/11	1/12 - 2/8	2/9 - 3/8	3/9 - 4/5	4/6 - 5/3	5/4 - 5/31	6/1 - 6/30
Site	ID - StVE	StVE 1	GSH 2	AMB - StVE	StVE 1	StVE 2	Pulmonology - GSH	Rheumatology - StVE	ED - StVE	AMB - StVE	Endocrinology - StVE	Cardiology - StVE	AMB - Periop StVE
Clinics	GSH - Continuity StVE - Continuity												

***Research will occur longitudinally one or two half days/week depending on rotation average; 20% in ambulatory, 10% in other rotations.

Program Schedule Notes

*Opportunities for elective experiences in psychiatry**, allergy/immunology, dermatology, additional experiences in research, medical ophthalmology, office gynecology, sleep medicine, otorhinolaryngology, non-operative orthopedics, palliative medicine and rehabilitation medicine, may be done in 1-2 week rotations that replace a subspecialty rotation, or may be integrated into half day sessions on ambulatory block rotations.

**Psychiatry and Internal Medicine residents will be co-located and collaborate in the resident faculty practices.

- Non-operative orthopedics will be integrated into ambulatory rotations.

- Geriatrics and Neurology can be done in any SubSpec block in PGY-2/3.

Key

- GSH = Good Samaritan Vincennes
- StVE = St. Vincent Evansville

- AMB = Ambulatory
- ED = Emergency Department
- ID = Infectious Disease

- MICU = Medical Intensive Care Unit
- GI = Gastroenterology

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How to Apply

We only accept applications submitted through the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) and applications are accepted between October and January each academic year. After all application material is submitted, the department considers all applicants without bias, and selected candidates are notified. Non-US medical graduates may be sponsored through the Educational Council on Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG). J1 is the primary Visa, others may be considered.

We participate in the National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) and the “all-in” policy which requires all PGY1 positions within a participating program to be filled by the match. We are unable to offer PGY1 positions outside of the match. Information regarding fees and ERAS application procedures can be found at www.aamc.org/eras.

Interested applicants may apply through ERAS beginning in July. Click [HERE](#) to apply.

Requirements to Apply

U.S. Medical Graduates

Medical school graduates from a U.S. institution must have the following credentials in order to interview for a residency at IU School of Medicine:

- A completed ERAS application
- One reference letter from the Chair of Internal Medicine or Director of Internal Medicine Clerkship
- Two reference letters from core clinical supervisors
- Research mentor references will be accepted IN ADDITION to these but will not substitute for a clinical supervisor reference
- Personal Character references e.g. clergy, personal physicians, will not be considered
- MSPE
- Medical School Transcripts from ALL schools attended
- Current USMLE/COMPLEX Transcripts/Board Part 1 and 2 (if available) Scores
- Personal statement

International Medical Graduates

Medical school graduates from an institution outside of the U.S. must have the following credentials in order to interview for a residency at IU School of Medicine:

- Graduation from medical school within the last four years
- Reference letters must come from direct supervisors from core rotations
- U.S. clinical experience preferred (Observerships do not meet this requirement.)
- Satisfactory completion of USMLE Step 1 (or comparable test). Specific requirements set by program.
- Transcript (with translation included)
- Personal statement
- ECFMG Standard Certificate with valid date
- Scores for examinations used to qualify for the ECFMG Certificate

All applicants must be in status with the Department of Homeland Security prior to the date of the rank order is submitted to the NRMP or prior to position being offered. International applicants that require work authorization in order to participate in the Indiana University Southwest Indiana Internal Medicine Residency Program are expected to receive that authorization through a J-1 visa sponsored by ECFMG. Once accepted into the program, the facility will work with ECFMG as required to facilitate issuance of the required authorization. We expect that J1 Visa application be made immediately after Match Day to insure a July start date as required by your NRMP agreement.

Stipends

IU School of Medicine offers one of the best benefits packages in the country, including a variety of fringe benefits and perks for residents and fellows, their spouses, and families.

Visit <https://medicine.iu.edu/education/gme/employment-terms-benefits/> to learn more about the stipends and benefits that accompany this Internal Medicine Residency Program.

Amounts below are effective 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2022

Level	Annual	Monthly
PGY 1	\$58,032	\$4,836
PGY 2	\$59,436	\$4,953
PGY 3	\$61,090	\$5,090.84
PGY 4	\$63,338	\$5,278.17
PGY 5	\$65,827	\$5,485.59
PGY 6	\$68,186	\$5,682.17
PGY 7	\$70,663	\$5,888.59

Benefits

IU School of Medicine offers one of the best benefits packages in the country, including a variety of fringe benefits and perks for residents and fellows, their spouses, and families.

- 3-4 weeks of vacation per year
- Health and dental insurance with NO monthly premiums for residents/fellows, their spouses and families
- Free life insurance
- Free disability insurance
- Free medical malpractice insurance
- Free parking at all hospitals
- Meal money provided for on-call nights
- Pagers provided
- White coats and scrub suits provided
- Indiana University Tuition Benefit for residents/fellows, their spouses, and dependent children
- Free software, including over 200 programs and training courses for applications like Photoshop and Microsoft Office
- Electronic access to textbooks (Zitelli, Nelson, Redbook, etc.)

Residency Track in Global Health

IU School of Medicine's interdisciplinary Residency Track in Global Health engages highly motivated residents from diverse specialties to better understand the social, economic, cultural and environmental factors that contribute to health and disease throughout the world. The program seeks to equip residents to address health disparities and encourages long-term commitment to global health issues, both domestic and international. The Residency Track curriculum is co-curricular alongside each participant's residency educational mission and requirements.

Since its inception in 2011, the Interdisciplinary Track has included residents from multiple medical specialties, including pediatrics, internal medicine, med-peds, OBGYN, surgery, psychiatry, EM/Peds, peds/psych/child psych, family medicine, urology, and emergency medicine. Residents from other specialties are welcome to apply.

Global Health Scholars Day is convened each spring and provides an opportunity to showcase the scholarly projects completed by residents in the track. Participants who complete the track requirements receive a certification in global health from the IU Center for Global Health.

For additional information:

<https://medicine.iu.edu/expertise/global-health/education/residents/>

Graduate Medical Education in Global Health

Resident physicians at IU School of Medicine can focus on Global Health through the residency track or participate in a variety of electives that offer opportunities to advance skills related to health delivery in communities outside the United States.

Interdisciplinary Residency Track in Global Health

The IU School of Medicine Residency Track in Global Health training program is open to all IU School of Medicine resident physicians of any specialty who are in good standing. The program provides opportunities to engage in local and overseas electives that foster hands-on learning in global health. Faculty mentors provide critical support for residents on the global health track. Each department seeks to identify a global health faculty educator who focuses on educating all residents in their specialty regarding global health. This interdepartmental program brings together residents from the departments of Pediatrics, Med-Peds, Family Medicine, Surgery, Internal Medicine and OB/GYN who share a common interest in providing high-quality, comprehensive health care to a developing world.

Other international programs include a China elective on international adoption, a program in Honduras for medical Spanish development, and many more sites. In addition to international opportunities, residents can work within the Indianapolis community in international adoption, travel medicine, and other clinics designed for specific populations.

For additional information:

<https://medicine.iu.edu/education/gme/residency-programs/global-health/>



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