

Sierra Vista Regional Health Center

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Internal Medicine Graduate Medical Education

Overview and General Information

Located in the beautiful high desert of southeastern Arizona near the foothills of the Huachuca Mountains Sierra Vista Regional Health Center (SVRHC) calls Sierra Vista, Arizona, home. Nestled in the San Pedro River Valley at approximately 4600 feet altitude the climate is ideal with cool winters and pleasant summers. In addition there are spectacular mountain views of multiple mountain ranges including the Huachucas. Population of Sierra Vista is approximately 44,000 and is expanding rapidly and expected to do so in the foreseeable future with concomitant need for additional health care providers. In addition, there is a significant population from Ft. Huachuca, the home of several of the United States Army's major commands. Sierra Vista Regional Health Center is the major medical facility in Cochise County. The area is widely known for birding, hiking, and bicycling. Historic towns of Bisbee and Tombstone are within a 30-minute drive as is our international neighbor, Mexico. Wintertime skiing is as close as Mt. Lemmon in Tucson and all-season activities are a scenic six-hour drive to the White Mountains. White, sandy beaches and scuba diving and snorkeling are a five-hour drive to Rocky Point and San Carlos, Mexico. Sierra Vista is approximately 90 miles SE of Tucson and 200 miles SE of Phoenix.

Facilities and Services

Sierra Vista Regional Health Center is an 86 bed not-for-profit acute care hospital housed on the main campus with an eight-bed ICU and 10-bed telemetry unit. A 21-bed Emergency Department provides emergency services to the region with a hospital based helicopter service. There is a cardiac catheterization laboratory on site. Rehabilitation programs include cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation as well as physical, occupational, speech and sports medicine. Sierra Vista Regional Health Center has a progressive radiology department including MRI, CT, weekly PET/CT services, as well as other imaging modalities. In addition there is a state-of-the-art ambulatory surgery center on our east campus. Hospice, Casa de la Paz, provides hospice care to the region. A Hospitalist program augments clinical services. Residents are trained in our integrated healthcare information system. This system permits full automation and management of clinical and nursing services as well as electronic medical records.

Internship and Residency Opportunities

SVRHC provides a specialty track three-year internal medicine residency with the first year qualifying as both internship and first year of residency. Training will occur both at Sierra Vista Regional Health Center as well as some training in subspecialty medicine at Tucson Medical Center, a 650-bed facility in Tucson. In addition, there is outpatient training experience at Fort Huachuca and at Chiricahua Community Health Centers.

Strengths and Unique Aspects of SVRHC Residency

Sierra Vista Regional Health Center is the dominant health care facility for Cochise County, an area that is growing rapidly. However, there is still a significant rural aspect to the area so it can provide both rural as well as urban type of environments. The medical staff at SVRHC is dedicated to an internal medicine residency that provides current up-to-date training for both interns and residents in a variety of subspecialties as well as general internal medicine. The affiliation with Tucson Medical Center allows residents to experience health care at a major metropolitan hospital. As this is a new residency program incoming interns and residents can expect to have a significant voice in shaping the program for the future.

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Benefits:

Competitive salary, health, life, disability insurance and professional liability insurance.



Applications for residency can be made from the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) on the ERAS – Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) website at www.aamc.org for a July 2007 start date.

Internal Medicine Residency at Sierra Vista Regional Health Center:

1st Year (Counts as both Internship and 1st year of Residency)

General Internal Medicine	4 months
Cardiology	1 month
ICU	1 month
Pulmonary Medicine	1 month
Emergency Medicine	1 month
Surgery	1 month
Ambulatory Medicine	1 month
Electives	2 months

2nd Year

General Internal Medicine	4 months
Gastroenterology	2 months
ICU	1 month
Hematology	1 month
Oncology	1 month
Nephrology	1 month
Endocrine**	1 month
Infectious Disease**	1 month

3rd Year

General Internal Medicine	6 months
ICU	1 month
Cardiology or Pulmonary	1 month
Neurology**	1 month
Rheumatology**	1 month
Electives	2 months

** Rotations to be completed at Tucson Medical Center

SVRHC Data:

Total licensed beds:	86
Occupancy of operational beds	57%
Inpatient admissions	5,600 per annum
Births	1,400 per annum
In/outpatient surgeries	5,500 per annum
Emergency visits	28,000 per annum

Medical Staff:

MD:	79
DO:	11
DPM:	4
Allied Health:	8
Courtesy Staff	38
in a variety of specialties	