

**WOODHULL INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY  
TRAINING PROGRAM**

**North Brooklyn Health Network  
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*Introduction*

Excellence in patient care and commitment to the education of physicians, dentists, and other healthcare professionals are among the proud traditions of Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center. Built as a model of private care in a public setting, this “dream” hospital opened in May 1982, the merger of two public hospitals with histories dating back to the early 1900s. A member of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), the nation’s largest municipal hospital network, Woodhull has 403 beds and serves the communities of Williamsburg, Greenpoint, Bushwick, and Bedford Stuyvesant in the Borough of Brooklyn.

Woodhull is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals and is approved for internship and residency training by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association. More than 100 interns, residents, and fellows are distributed throughout the Departments of Internal Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, General Dentistry and Oral Surgery. Freestanding residency programs exist in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, General Dentistry & Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS). There are also affiliated programs in General Surgery with Brooklyn Hospital Center and Cardiology and G.I. with Long Island College Hospital. Training is provided to medical and dental students from New York University, Columbia University and Clara Barton High School. The Medical Center is affiliated with several institutions of higher education, area hospitals, community-based organizations, home care agencies and long-term care facilities.

Today, Woodhull Medical Center is part of HHC’S North Brooklyn Health Network, a major healthcare resource as well as a dynamic presence in what is New York City’s largest Borough. The medical care provided at Woodhull serves fully the needs of the surrounding communities, with more than 18,700 admissions, 92,708 emergency room visits, and 388,089 outpatient visits at the hospital and its sixteen (16) satellite clinics during the fiscal year of 2003. All aspects of current medical practice are emphasized, from primary care and preventive medicine to the delivery of advanced tertiary care. Woodhull Medical Center is a 911-receiving hospital and a certified emergency cardiac-care facility.

True to its mission, Woodhull strives to address the complex problems and meet the individual healthcare needs of the patient population in each of the many communities it serves in a culturally sensitive manner. A patient centered approach has led to priority investment in enhanced information technology, improved physical facilities, ambulatory care redesign and open access initiatives, and building new programs to reduce healthcare disparities and improve access to care.

#### Internal Medicine (IM) Residency Training Program

The Internal Medicine Residency Training Program at Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center was founded over twenty years ago. We maintain an academic affiliation with the State University of New York in Brooklyn. The residency program is comprised of a diverse ethnicity that mirrors the population that we serve. The Department of Medicine has annually almost 8000 admissions. Currently there are 57 residency positions in our medicine program. We participate through the National Residency Match Program, and welcome international medical graduates.

Residents in their first and second year of training spend the majority of time on the in-patient medical units. All residents in each year of training will rotate through ambulatory care, night float, and the critical care units. During the second year of training, residents rotate through the emergency department and have the opportunity to treat a variety of acute conditions including acute coronary syndromes, trauma, and acute intoxications. Residents may select elective time during the second and third year of training in any of our available subspecialties in medicine. Third-year residents rotate on the medical consultation service, and in the emergency room as the admitting resident. Our third-year residents now rotate through the Department of Cardiology at Bellevue Hospital. Here they have the opportunity to observe state of the art procedures at a tertiary care center including cardiothoracic surgery, electrophysiological procedures and cardiac catheterization.

Residents, during training, are exposed to a diverse case mix. They become proficient not only in “the bread and butter” cases of medicine, but also the unusual presentations of both common and uncommon diseases. Our residents have ample opportunity to become proficient in the required procedures as per the American Board of Internal Medicine. Our residents are credentialed to perform these procedures upon completion of their training. Our graduates pursue careers both in the medical subspecialties as well as primary care medicine.

#### **On-Call Schedule**

In accordance with both New York State 405 regulations and the American College of Graduate Medical Education, residents work a maximum of 80 hours per week. We have implemented the night float system. Work hours do not exceed a 24-hour period. One 24-hour period off per week on average over the month is allotted into each resident’s schedule. These policies are reviewed and strictly enforced.

**Faculty**

All faculty are board certified in internal medicine. All pursue scholarly activity, including publications in major journals, and presentations at both national and international meetings. Our faculty is dedicated to the advancement of our residents and committed to the training program. Faculty serve as preceptors for the various scholarly activities sponsored by the department including journal clubs, clinical pathological conferences and morbidity and mortality conferences. In addition, each faculty member serves as a resident mentor to assist the resident throughout training. This mentor system has been very popular among both the residents and faculty as it allows our residents an additional avenue for support and guidance during their training.

**Benefits**

All of our residents are employed by the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. They are represented by the collective bargaining unit, the Committee of Interns and Residents. Benefits include health and dental insurance, short and long term disability, life insurance, one month of vacation and sick leave. In addition, funds are provided for on-call meals as well as for continuing medical education activities.

**Application Process**

The Department of Medicine receives over 1500 applications annually. Selection criteria include academic record, letters of reference, satisfactory performance on the USMLE examinations and a valid ECFMG certificate. Applicants are accepted between September and December. Interviews are held between December and January.

Please contact the Department of Medicine at 718-963-5806 for further information.