

## **Family Medicine Clinic**

While at our practice, residents see their own patients, whom they will follow as outpatients and as inpatients for up to three years. Residents also see hospital and emergency room patient follow-ups and walk-in patients. There are four provider teams, each with residents, physician faculty, a nurse practitioner, a behavioral scientist, and clinical and business office personnel. When the primary physician is not available, another physician from that team will take care of the patient. There is one family physician preceptor for every three to four residents. A physician is always attending at the clinic. Frequently, a community family physician assists with precepting and is backed up by one of our physician faculty members.

Approximately 26 percent of the practice is Hispanic. Most of the rest is Caucasian. It is also well mixed by socio-economic status, gender and age.

In 1997, we moved into a newly constructed family practice center. This new 25,000 square foot, two-story facility is located two blocks west of the main hospital campus and has been designed specifically for the residency training program as a state-of-the-art medical office. Twenty thousand square feet of clinical space on the first floor is dedicated to 28 examination rooms, four minor treatment rooms, a large teaching major procedure room as well as faculty and resident offices. The center also includes laboratory, X-ray, loop electro surgical excision procedure (LEEP), and obstetric ultrasound equipment and facilities.

We have been using electronic medical records 100% since early 2001.

In addition to orthopedic casting, the procedure/treatment rooms are designed for wound repair, cutaneous surgery, nasolaryngoscopy, endometrial biopsy, dilation and curettage, OB ultrasound and vasectomies. An integrated electronic medical record was incorporated into the clinical practice in 2001. On average, residents are scheduled to see patients at the clinic as follows:

R1: Two half-day clinics per week

R2: Three half-day clinics per week

R3: Four half-day clinics per week