



WELLMED WELCOMES 15 DOCTORS TO OUR NEW INTERNAL MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Internal medicine resident candidates have a new residency program to choose from in San Antonio, Texas. On July 1, 2021, the University of the Incarnate Word welcomed their inaugural class of 15 postgraduate year one (PGY1) internal medicine residents.

The internal medicine residents' continuity clinic is housed at WellMed at South San, located on the southwest side of San Antonio. Dr. Jaime Moreno serves as their continuity clinic director and attending. Winetta Wilson, residency program coordinator, is responsible for daily operations for the residents' clinic.

"As residents, our first year of practicing medicine is very memorable; I along with WellMed want to make an impact on every one of the new residents," Dr. Moreno said.

The foundation for the residency program took shape several years ago thanks to the efforts of Dr. Carlos Hernandez and Dr. Barbie Lopez. They brought the program to life through a partnership with Texas Vista Medical Center (formerly Southwest General Hospital) and UIW. Several WellMed physicians will contribute to the residents' education including PCPs and Specialist for Health physicians. The program director is Dr. Bernard Hildebrand, a former intern under Dr. Dawn Rudd, San Antonio medical director.

"We are ecstatic to welcome the residents and help set the foundation for value-based health care education," Dr. Lopez said. "Our goal is to deliver an exceptional continuity clinic experience uncommonly seen in resident training. We want our residents to know and practice highly coordinated, evidence-based and data-driven primary health care."

For now, attention is focused on growth and providing essential hands-on experiences to future physicians. The program is expected to expand to 45 residents by July 2023, when the inaugural group of residents will begin their third and final year.



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