

Prospective Internship Site Profile
Department of Health Education & Behavior

Location: Starke FL Date: 07/10/2014
City State

Agency: Palms Medical Group

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What semesters is your agency available to accept interns?

- Fall (August – December) Spring (January – April) Summer (May – August)

Normal work hours (Please indicate any evening or weekend time commitments):

Monday-Friday 0800-1700

Saturday 0830-1200 (rotating schedule as a possibility, depends on provider assignment)

Is office space available to interns? Yes No _____
Comments

Is a computer available to interns? Yes No _____
Comments

Does your agency offer paid or non-paid internships? Non-paid Paid (amount): _____

List other benefits your agency offers interns (i.e. housing, health insurance, travel reimbursement, etc.)

None

List required purchases for interning with your agency (i.e. parking pass, uniform, etc.)

None

List the required skills or previous experience necessary for interning with your agency.

None

Special Requirements (i.e. special application, proof of health insurance, immunization, etc.)

Please note: All interns are required to purchase professional liability coverage for \$1,000,000.

Palms Medical Group Orientation (can be done with webinar series, will cover OSHA, HIPAA, PMG privacy practices, etc).

List a description of duties your agency expects to be fulfilled by interns. Please include additional literature if desired.

1. Development of disease specific and patient specific milestone books for chronic conditions. These books will be given to the patient at initial appointments to the practice and at new diagnosis appointments. Each book will have condition specific testing check off sheets, medication listing and timing, necessary referral check offs, dietary recommendations, and exercise sheets.

2. Revision of the standard PMG "Healthy Living" Handbook for routine patients. This book has excellent information but needs updating for 2014+ standards and can be made more "fun" for patients to read.

3. Development of a sensory friendly play area in the lobby as well as a sensory friendly exam room for children with special needs.

4. Staff in service program on Autism Families

5. Creation of newborn packet for mothers with first babies and mothers with siblings. Currently patients receive individualized packets with those print outs applicable to their situation however patients would benefit from having a dedicated packet made and an informal review session with the health education student after seeing the primary care provider.

6. If time remains in the 12 week session creation of ADHD support group for families that can meet at PMG Starke once a month. This would coordinate with sister facility Meridian Behavioral Health and involve a psychologist for parental coping sessions. Intern would be responsible for the development and coordination of this group as well as advertising campaign to schools. Intern would develop concurrent program for children to be conducted while parents meet.

List any important information about your agency.

Palms Medical Group is an Federally Qualified Rural Health Care Center (FQHC). We see between 18-22 patients daily at the Starke site, with an additional 8-10 patients on Thursday mornings through the UF Maternal, Infant, and Child (MIC) program. This clinic sees primarily Medicaid and self pay patients on a sliding fee scale. We have a minimal amount of private pay patients. The population is considered medically underserved and many of the patients that come into our practice have not had care in several years. Their conditions are have been poorly managed or not managed at all. Many patients have little to no understanding of their disease process.

Palms Medical Group recently achieved recognition from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. This was a rigorous process designed to allow our centers to be considered a PCMH, or "patient centered medical home." Patients can receive the majority of their care from Palms Medical Group without having to go outside of the facility. The office is also responsible for the coordination of all of the patient's records, specialist's reports, medication needs, laboratory reports, etc. Patients can receive diabetic education, dental care, maternity, and birth to grave primary care.

The Starke office in particular offers community events designed to bring the adults and children closer to the Starke team. Currently there are three large scale events at Easter, August, and Christmas. These events are free and open to the public. The events are held in the evening and allow the community to interact with the office team in a fun environment. The 2013 August back to school event hosted 140 people and provided boxes of free school supplies to children in addition to allowing parents to check immunization and physical status of these children during the evening hours. This event is being planned again for 2014 and will include the addition of the Lake City dental clinic.

Would you like to be added to the Department's list of approved sites for future interns? Yes No

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: CONTRACT ON FILE: _____

Approval of Intern Coordinator: MM Waits Date: _____

Approval Expiration Date: 7-2016