Required Externship Site

Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System

Created for Health Care  Combined for Excellence
CAVHCS provides health care to veterans living in:
1) Central, South, East & West Alabama
2) Western Georgia
3) Western Florida
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2 Hospitals Systems Established:

1923 Tuskegee VAMC

1940 Montgomery VAMC
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MONTGOMERY OUTPATIENT CENTER
ESTABLISHED DECEMBER 05, 2015
• Four Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs)
  1) Montgomery, Alabama – Newest Facility
  2) Columbus, Georgia
  3) Ft. Benning Army Base, Columbus, Georgia
  4) Ft. Rucker Army Base, Enterprise, Alabama

CAVHCS provides full complement of Eye, Medical, Dental, Surgical, Mental Health, Rehabilitative, Extended care, Primary Care and Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) services
Externship Rotation & Lodging

- Extern clinical care location will be: Montgomery Outpatient clinic & possibly Tuskegee Hospital Clinic (shuttle service possible between campuses)

- Lodging will be in Montgomery Hospital Campus in a lockable hospital (dorm-type) room w/ bath, TV, refrigerator, microwave, and security
• Your own clinic room!
• No need to bring in equipment (unless you want to)
• Patients worked up with all testing already completed
• Rotations with local MDs (glaucoma and anterior segment specialists)
• Wonderful learning opportunities!
  • ALL the scars
  • Several AMD and glaucoma patients
  • Aniseikonia

• Favorites Parts of Montgomery
  • Historical buildings/museums
  • Shakespeare Park
  • Great restaurants (PREVAIL COFFEE!)
Montgomery VA – Perry Hill Campus

***not my room***
Optometric Attendings:

- Dr. Steve Bordlee OD UABSO 1991
  Externship Director
  Montgomery Outpatient Clinic Location

- Dr. Robert B. Lewis IV, OD NECO 1977
  Tuskegee Hospital Clinic Location

- Dr. Jordan Rockwell, OD UABSO 2014
  Tuskegee Hospital Clinic Location
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Eye Care Provided

• Disease Diagnosis and Management of:
  ✓ Glaucoma
  ✓ Diabetic Retinopathy
  ✓ Macular Degeneration
  ✓ Dry Eyes
  ✓ Cataract stages
  ✓ Eye Emergencies
  ✓ Refractive Challenges
  ✓ Etc.
Externs will have the opportunity to spend time with Community Affiliated Ophthalmologists in the Clinical & Surgical Care of:

- Glaucoma
- Corneal Disease
- Eyelid Disease
- Retinal Disease
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Eye Clinic Facilities

- Fully equipped eye lanes
- Corneal Pachymeters
- Topcon Retinal Photography (All Locations)

- VF Technologies with multiple Threshold Strategies:
  - Sita Standard / Sita Fast / Std for both 30-2 and 24-2
  - 10-2 Macular Threshold

- Cirrus OCT Retinal Tomographic Imagery
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Local Opportunities

• 52 miles to – AUBURN
• 160 miles to Atlanta
• 170 miles to Pensacola
• 98 miles to Birmingham
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