

Atrium Health Floyd Announces 10 New Residents, Names Chief Residents

ROME, Ga., July 1, 2024 – The Atrium Health Floyd Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program has named Dr. Sierra Armbrust and Dr. Jacob Collier as chief residents for the new academic year beginning today. Chief residents are selected and voted on by their peers and are approved by faculty and staff. During their one-year term, they will serve in leadership roles, mentoring underclassmen and acting as liaisons between residents and faculty.

Armbrust received a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Suwanee, Georgia.

Collier received a Doctor of Medicine from Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon, Georgia.

The Residency Program is also welcoming 10 first-year residents, increasing from nine in the previous year:

Dr. Busayo Adesanya received Doctor of Medicine from Meharry College of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Fredrick Chambers II received a Doctor of Medicine from the University of South Alabama via Brookwood Baptist Health in Mobile, Alabama.

Dr. Ethan Harrison received a Doctor of Medicine from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.

Dr. Oluwagbemisola Israel received a Doctor of Medicine from Trinity School of Medicine in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Dr. Keeliann Mark received a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the University of Pikeville- Kentucky College of Medicine in Pikeville, Kentucky.

Dr. Siena Pangtay received a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth-Texas College of Medicine in Fort Worth, Texas.

Dr. Scott Rankin received a Doctor of Medicine from St. George's University School of Medicine via Bayhealth Medical Family Medicine Program in Grenada.

Dr. Steven Sochacki received a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Kansas City University College of Medicine via HCA Florida Westside Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. Ashley Thurstin received a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from VCOM – Carolinas in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Dr. Emily Walthall received a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from VCOM – Auburn in Auburn, Alabama.

"This is an exciting time for our organization. We are onboarding 10 interns, which is an increase from previous years," said Dr. Kelly Culbertson, Program Director/Designated Institutional Official of Atrium Health Floyd Medical Center Family Medicine Residency. "This class of interns will gain valuable hands-on experience that will prepare them to address workforce shortages. Their broad backgrounds will be an asset to our program thanks to the experiences they bring with them. Atrium Health Floyd continues to be committed to training amazing physicians! We are also excited about our chiefs this year. They bring great strengths to our program, and one of them is from our local community."

About the Atrium Health Floyd Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program

The [Atrium Health Floyd Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program](#) trains physicians in the specialty of family medicine. The program provides three years of academic and clinical post-doctoral education to medical school graduates and offers hands-on experience to residents in preparation for full-time medical careers.

About Atrium Health Floyd

The [Atrium Health Floyd](#) family of health care services is a leading medical provider and economic force in northwest Georgia and northeast Alabama. Atrium Health Floyd is part of Charlotte, North Carolina-based [Advocate Health](#), the third-largest nonprofit health system in the United States, created from the combination of [Atrium Health](#) and Advocate Aurora Health. Atrium Health Floyd employs more than 3,500 teammates who provide care in over 40 medical specialties at three hospitals: Atrium Health Floyd Medical Center – a 304-bed full-service, acute care hospital and regional referral center in Rome, Georgia; Atrium Health Floyd Polk Medical Center in Cedartown, Georgia; and Atrium Health Floyd Cherokee Medical Center in Centre, Alabama; as well as Atrium Health Floyd Medical Center Behavioral Health – a freestanding 53-bed behavioral health facility in Rome – and also primary care and urgent care network locations throughout northwest Georgia and northeast Alabama. Atrium Health Floyd also operates a stand-alone emergency department in Chattooga County, the first such facility to be built from the ground-up in Georgia.

About Atrium Health

[Atrium Health](#) is a nationally recognized leader in shaping health outcomes through innovative research, education and compassionate patient care. Based in Charlotte, North Carolina, Atrium Health is part of [Advocate Health](#), the third-largest nonprofit health system in the United States, which was created from the combination with Advocate Aurora Health. A recognized leader in experiential medical education and groundbreaking research, [Wake Forest University School of Medicine](#) is its academic core. Atrium Health is renowned for its top-ranked pediatric, cancer and heart care, as well as organ transplants, burn treatments and specialized musculoskeletal programs. Atrium Health is also a leading-edge innovator in virtual care and mobile medicine, providing care close to home and in the home. Ranked nationally among U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals in eight pediatric specialties and for rehabilitation, Atrium Health has also received the American Hospital Association's Quest for Quality Prize and its 2021 Carolyn Boone Lewis Equity of Care Award, as well as the 2020 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Health Equity Award for its efforts to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in care. With a commitment to every community it serves, Atrium Health seeks to improve health, elevate hope and advance healing – for all, providing \$2.8 billion last year in free and uncompensated care and other community benefits.

About Advocate Health

[Advocate Health](#) is the third-largest nonprofit integrated health system in the United States – created from the combination of Advocate Aurora Health and [Atrium Health](#). Providing care under the names [Advocate Health Care](#) in Illinois, Atrium Health in the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama, and [Aurora Health Care](#) in Wisconsin, Advocate Health is a national leader in clinical innovation, health outcomes, consumer experience and value-based care. Headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, Advocate Health services nearly 6 million patients and is engaged in hundreds of clinical trials and research studies, with [Wake Forest University School of Medicine](#) serving as the academic core of the enterprise. It is nationally recognized for its expertise in cardiology, neurosciences, oncology, pediatrics and rehabilitation, as well as organ transplants, burn treatments and specialized musculoskeletal programs. Advocate Health employs 155,000 teammates across 69 hospitals and over 1,000 care locations, and offers one of the nation's largest graduate medical education programs with over 2,000 residents and fellows across more than 200 programs. Committed to providing equitable care for all, Advocate Health provides nearly \$6 billion in annual community benefits.

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