

## Endowed Chair of the Family Medicine Residency at Providence Milwaukie Hospital

"I chose family medicine because you get to know your patients and often you care for multiple generations in the same family," said Ilana Hull, M.D. "I can be a navigator for them in what I see as a really complex system."

Ilana is a third-year resident in the Family Medicine Residency program at Providence Milwaukie Hospital. She recently accepted a position as a faculty member at Milwaukie.

Dr. Hull, her peers and future generations of family medicine physicians will benefit from the leadership, innovation and inspiration provided by an endowed chair of the Family Medicine Residency Program. This translates into better care and compassionate service for patients and their families.

### Educate and train family medicine doctors of the future

Family medicine is an area of medicine devoted to providing comprehensive health care for people of all ages. Based on knowing the patient well within the context of family and the community, family medicine physicians emphasize preventing disease and promoting better overall health.

Doctors who specialize in family medicine must successfully complete an accredited three-year family medicine residency program in addition to their medical degree.

The United States is experiencing a significant revolution in health care. There has never been a greater need for primary care physicians yet there is a shortage of primary care providers. Family medicine physicians are at the forefront of shaping health care innovation and transformation as they work to provide personalized, high quality, cost-effective care for their patients and communities.



Family Medicine residents, faculty, staff and family gather in Astoria.

Here at Providence, we are committed to strengthening our successful Family Medicine Residency Program by providing the clinical knowledge and skills for our residents to practice effectively – but also to challenge and support our residents in the need to be flexible, to think creatively and to shape the future of primary care.

## Building upon our success

Providence's Family Medicine Residency Program began in 2001 and has trained about 100 family medicine providers since then. Every year the program accepts about seven new residents, providing training, mentoring and in-clinic care for patients. As part of their clinical rotation, the residents practice (under the close supervision of clinical faculty and proctors) at our Portland-area hospitals and clinics.

The program recruits many of the brightest medical students from across the country and educates one-quarter of all family medicine physicians graduating in Oregon each year.

The program is committed to training doctors to be patient centered, socially responsible, and community focused in the care they provide. They will be leaders in creating and continually improving the highly effective model of "patient-centered medical homes". We promote life-long learning of the knowledge, skills and caring manner that are needed to provide exceptional care, especially to those most in need.

### What is a "patient-centered medical home?"

The relatively new model of primary care known as the patient-centered medical home provides a wide range of connected, personalized health care services all in one central location and provided by a coordinated team of experts. New physicians within the Providence Family Medicine Residency Program are trained to innovate and lead in this new model of health care.

Within a primary care setting, the medical home team gets to know the patient well, earns their trust, and brings the services to the patient – not the other way around. The patient is at the center of his or her care team, and together they create a personalized plan for achieving the patient's health care goals.

In the medical home model, primary care extends far beyond just a trip to see the doctor. The medical home team coordinates additional services and experts such as specialists, medications, behavioral and mental health care, community resources, and coaching and wellness classes. Technology also plays a role since patients can reach their care team via email, video chats, mobile apps and after-hours phone visits. The result is better, more coordinated care for patients and convenient, accessible care for our consumers.

## Creating an endowed chair

With your help, we can create an endowed chair position in Providence's Family Medicine Residency Program. The new Family Medicine Residency - PMH Endowed Fund will be used to promote and sustain excellence in family medicine education and patient-centered care in the Family Medicine Residency Program at Providence Milwaukie Hospital.

An endowed chair helps to recruit and support a family medicine leader to propel forward the legacy of innovation and excellence at Providence Milwaukie. The holder of the chair will provide leadership to:

- Integrate public health into patient-centered primary care to meet community health needs
- Implement patient-centered medical home models that combine physical and mental health care seamlessly into one care model
- Develop models to educate health care professionals from many disciplines within a shared learning center
- Advance models of care that promote a patient's ability to manage their chronic illnesses with professional guidance and support

Providence currently has endowed chairs with the Isidor Brill Chair of Medicine at Providence St. Vincent and the Garnjobst Chair of Medical Education at Providence Portland. Having an endowed chair at Providence Milwaukie ensures that all three major Portland hospitals in the Portland area are supported by excellent and innovative leadership in the area of medical education.

## How you can help

You can help train and inspire future family medicine doctors by supporting an endowed chair to Providence Milwaukie. Creating this endowed chair will require \$3 million. To make this a reality, we are seeking gifts of all sizes.

"Having an endowed chair would draw someone to Providence who could lead our residency program forward and inspire our residents to become future leaders in health care," said Dr. Hull.

**"The faculty at Providence is really engaged in teaching. They are invested in creating future leaders in family medicine."**

*– Ilana Hull, M.D.*

## For more information on how you can help, please contact:

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### MISSION

As people of Providence, we reveal God's love for all, especially the poor and vulnerable, through our compassionate service.

