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CHEROKEE NATION®
Health Services

OMEACO/Cherokee Nation Family Medicine Residency Program

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Our Program

- Established 2010 (ACGME since 2020)
- Funded for 24 positions
- Osteopathic Recognition



Mission Statement

- To provide exemplary medical care to our Native American patients with compassion, integrity, and skill.
- Our program aims to train our residents to become well-rounded, rural-based, primary care physicians to help address the primary care physician shortage in Oklahoma and the surrounding region

Curriculum

- 13, 4-week rotation blocks per year
- Primarily outpatient focused (8 inpatient specific months)
- Longitudinal OMM, sports medicine, POCUS training, lifestyle medicine (2026)
- Will be trained on core outpatient, office-based procedures
 - Skin biopsies
 - Cryotherapy
 - Cystectomies
 - Pap smears
 - Joint injections

Community Engagement

Sports physicals/sideline
sports medicine (9 schools)

Community events
(partnership with CN Public
Health)

Cherokee National Holiday



Why Get Involved in GME?

- Primary Care shortages throughout health system
- Data supports that residents often stay and practice near where they train (AAMC data)
 - 68.7% of Family Medicine physicians stay in state after residency
 - 56% of Family Medicine physicians practice within 100 miles of their training site; 39% within 25 miles
 - >50% of rural residency program graduates subsequently practice rurally, compared to 18% from urban programs



Patient Empanelment Wait Times





Resident Clinic Data

2,169

Patients empaneled in clinic



809

Patients seen for OMM
Appointments



246

Patients provided outpatient
procedures



Graduate Data (N=59)

Practice in IHS/Tribal System	27 (46%)
Practice in Oklahoma	40 (68%)
Practice in Rural Communities	41 (69%)
Practice in Rural/Partially Rural Communities	47 (80%)
Practice in Medically-Underserved Area (MUA)	46 (78%)

Additional/Future GME Expansion

- OSU Pediatrics Rural Track Program (2022-present)
- OSU OBGYN Rural Track Program
- OSU General Surgery Rural Track Program