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Ascension St Vincent Indianapolis
Internal Medicine Residency Evansville

Introduction 2027



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Mission: The Ascension St Vincent Evansville Internal Medicine Residency seeks to train residents who will improve access to care for the region, and develop skills to care for vulnerable populations, in an environment that promotes scholarship, champions diversity, clinical excellence and service to Evansville and the surrounding rural communities.

Our Residents will be educated to lead care teams, improve quality of care, and champion organizational initiatives in a primary care model that is a clinical learning environment.



Our Vision



We are committed to the triple AIM plus one:

- better care for individuals
- better health for our population
- better value
- plus joy in primary care practice



. . . in an academically rigorous, education oriented atmosphere.

Our residents will learn and teach in a team-based, transformed health care system as quality and safety leaders.

Program Aims to Achieve its Mission

- To provide a clinical learning environment committed to graduate medical education in Greater Evansville, Southern Illinois and Northern Kentucky and the surrounding region.

-To train internists to pursue excellence in holistic delivery of safe, equitable, affordable, quality care; and the health of the communities they serve.

-To care for the poor and vulnerable in our communities and be advocates for a compassionate and just society through our actions and our words.

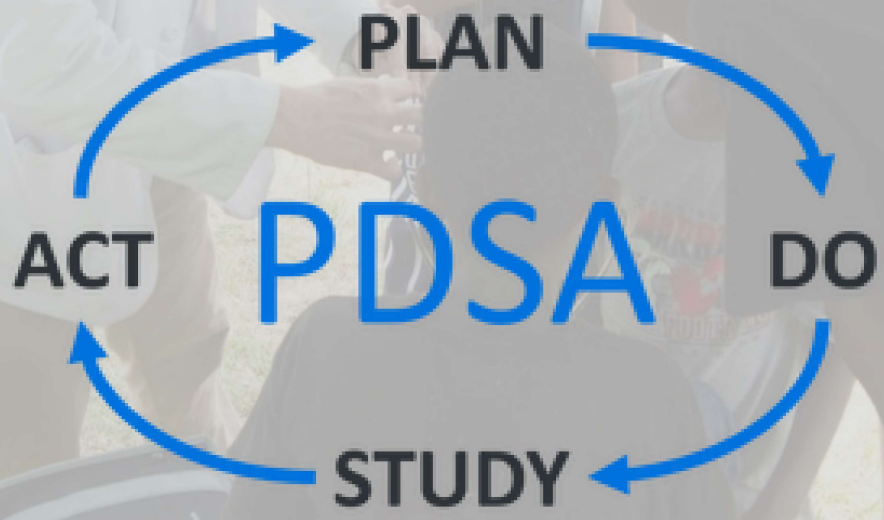
-To develop physician scholars who are able to navigate and analyze the medical literature, integrating new knowledge into practice.

-To grow residents into leaders who can innovate and practice in rural and resource poor environments, and manage teams in delivering and optimizing care using high reliability principles.

-To teach and promote personal well-being and lifelong learning skills to residents, faculty members, students, and all members of the health care team.

Our Innovation Platform

We are a learning laboratory for innovation in patient care, medical education and scholarly inquiry. Our residents will learn and teach in a team-based, transformed health care system with a focus on education, as quality and safety leaders.



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Residency Overview



Our Community

Evansville

- Third Largest City in Indiana.
- Approximately 1 Million People live in greater Evansville
- Commercial, medical and cultural hub of the tristate
- Voted the best city in the country in which "to live, work, and play“ two years running
- Warm summers, mild winters
- 65 Parks, 21 Special venues ~80 miles of bike trails
- Median age 33 years
- 14 colleges and universities
- Largest industry sectors are healthcare, finance, education, and manufacturing

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Indiana GME Expansion

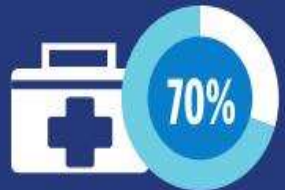
Indiana believes the best way to attract physicians is to train them.

The legislature began a GME expansion funding program a decade ago

the NEED

Each year we lose
133
quality residency physicians to other states

Indiana will need an additional
817
Primary Care Physicians by 2030



2/3 of Indiana's medical residency programs occur in the central part of the state, and research shows that nearly 70% of doctors end up practicing medicine near the location of their residency programs

In our neediest communities, the physician-to-citizen ratio is
1:4,622 citizens
compared to
1:1,214 citizens
in communities with less need

the BENEFIT

Every residency physician generates
$1.5 million
in economic benefits each year they remain in a community to practice medicine

Each physician's practice within the community on average creates an additional **6-7 Jobs**

Statewide, the economic impact of current and planned new residency physicians from Indiana medical residency programs is expected to reach
$332 million by 2025

Each residency physician who stays and becomes a Primary Care Physician within an underserved area generates on average a **$3.6 MILLION ECONOMIC** impact on the region

the PLAN

Indiana Lawmakers Took Action:

In 2015, the Indiana General Assembly created the **Graduate Medical Education Board** to expand the state's graduate medical residency program

Lawmakers have provided
$6 million
in 2015 and 2017 for GME expansion

the GOALS

BY 2020
increase the number of residency physicians by **70**

BY 2024
expand the number of graduate medical residency physicians positions offered in Indiana by **350**

the PROGRESS

221 new residency physician positions have been created so far

- Indiana University School of Medicine
- Fort Wayne Medical Education Program
- Reid Health in Richmond

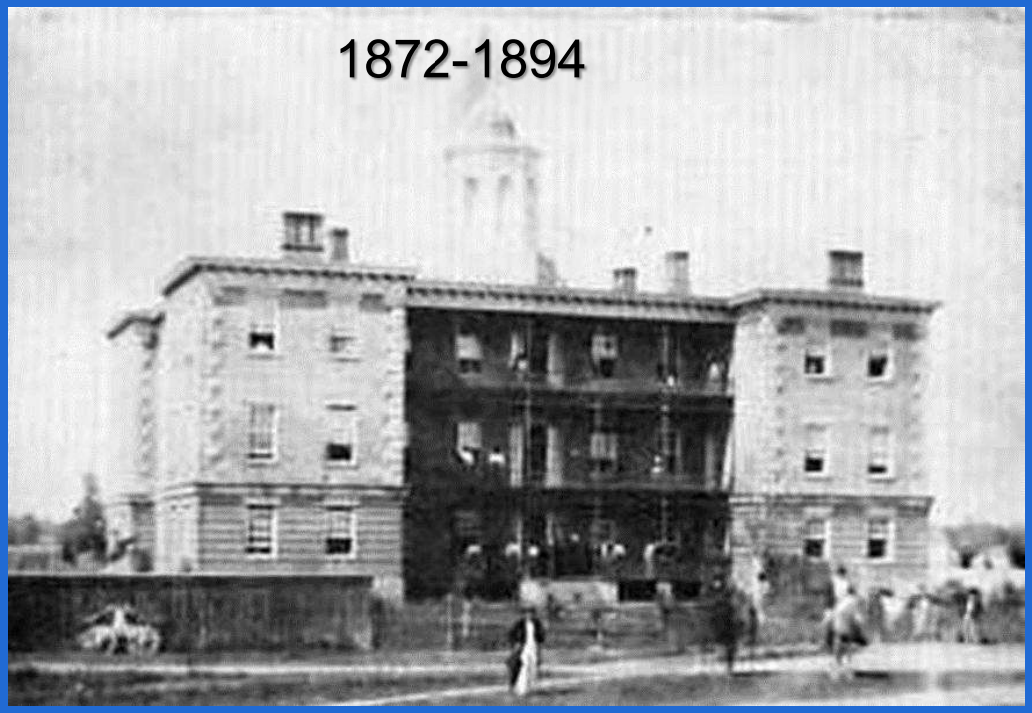
An additional
90,000
direct Primary Care patients hours will result from the new residency physician positions

$8.9 Million AWARDED

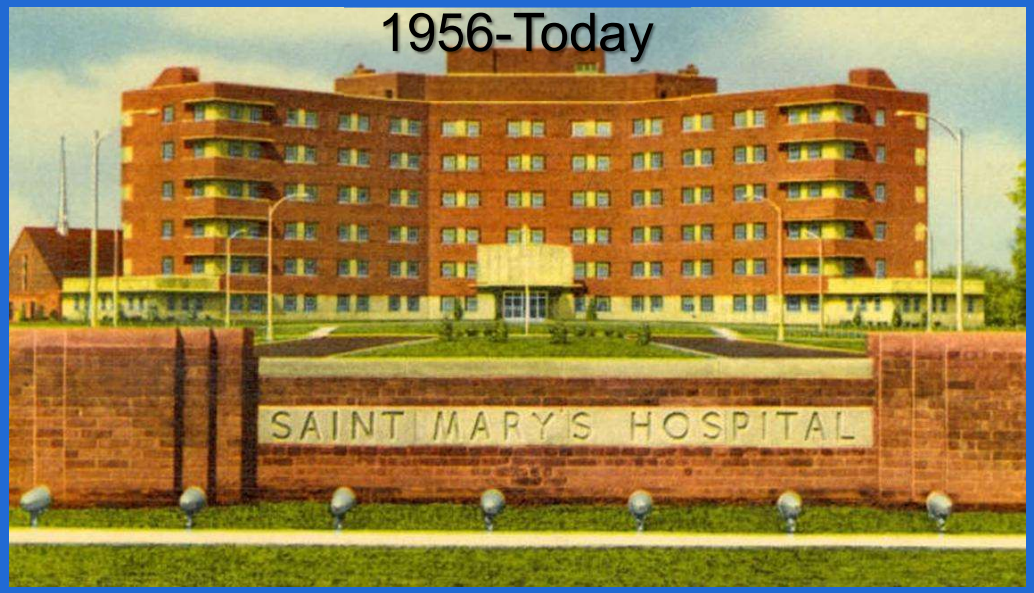
- Medical Residency Expansion - $6.2 M
- Medical Residency Program Development - $2 M
- Medical Residency Feasibility Study - $744,906

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Our Hospital has a long history of innovation









Ascension St Vincent Evansville
Recent Key Milestones

1969 St. Mary's Cancer Program is accredited, the first in the tristate
1969 St. Mary's ICU opens
1970 St. Vincent Family Medicine Residency begins
1982 St. Mary's Life Flight the Tri-State's first air ambulance service takes flight
1986 St. Mary's/St. Vincent Podiatry Residency begins.
1997 St. Mary's celebrates its 125th anniversary
1997 Ascension Health formed-the largest not-for-profit Catholic healthcare system in the United States.
2005 St. Mary's is the first Level II Adult Trauma Center in the Tri-State.
2006 St. Mary's Center for Advanced Medicine opens.
2007 St. Mary's opens its Surgical/Trauma ICU.
2011 St. Mary's receives nursing Magnet® Designation redesignation 2016 & 2021.
2012 St. Mary's becomes a member of Ascension St. Vincent.
2014 St. Mary's Medical Group is formed
2016 Pharmacy Residency Begins.
2019 Peyton Manning Children's Hospital and Pediatric Emergency room opens
2022 Ascension St Vincent Evansville celebrates its 150 Anniversary
2024 Ascension St Vincent Indianapolis (Southern Region) Internal Medicine Residency begins accreditation.
2025 Inaugural Class Ascension St Vincent Indianapolis (Southern Region) Internal Medicine Residency

Our Patients Deserve Excellence

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Celebrating our third Magnet® designation

Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence 2022

Magnet Recognized – American Nurses Credentialing Center

High Performing Hospitals – U.S. News & World Report 2024-2025

Becker's Hospital Review 150 Top Places to work in Healthcare

Forbes 2026 Top Hospitals

Commission on Cancer

Re- Accreditation 9/2026

The Joint Commission National Quality Approval

America's Best-in-State Hospitals 2024 – Newsweek – Powered by statista

Specialty Excellence

Healthgrades 2024,2025

ashp Accredited Pharmacy Residency

Watson Health 100 Top Hospitals 2018

Best Hospitals U.S. News & World Report 2018-19

2015 Get With The Guidelines Stroke Silver – American Heart Association / American Stroke Association

CPME Council on Podiatric Medical Education

The Joint Commission / American Heart Association / American Stroke Association – Stroke Certification

ASPIRE to Excellence – carf Accredited

Outpatient Excellence

Healthgrades 2025,2026

The Committee on Trauma – Verified Trauma Center

Re- Accreditation 2022

ACCME Accredited with Commendation

Mechanical Thrombectomy- 8/26/2026

Blue Distinction®

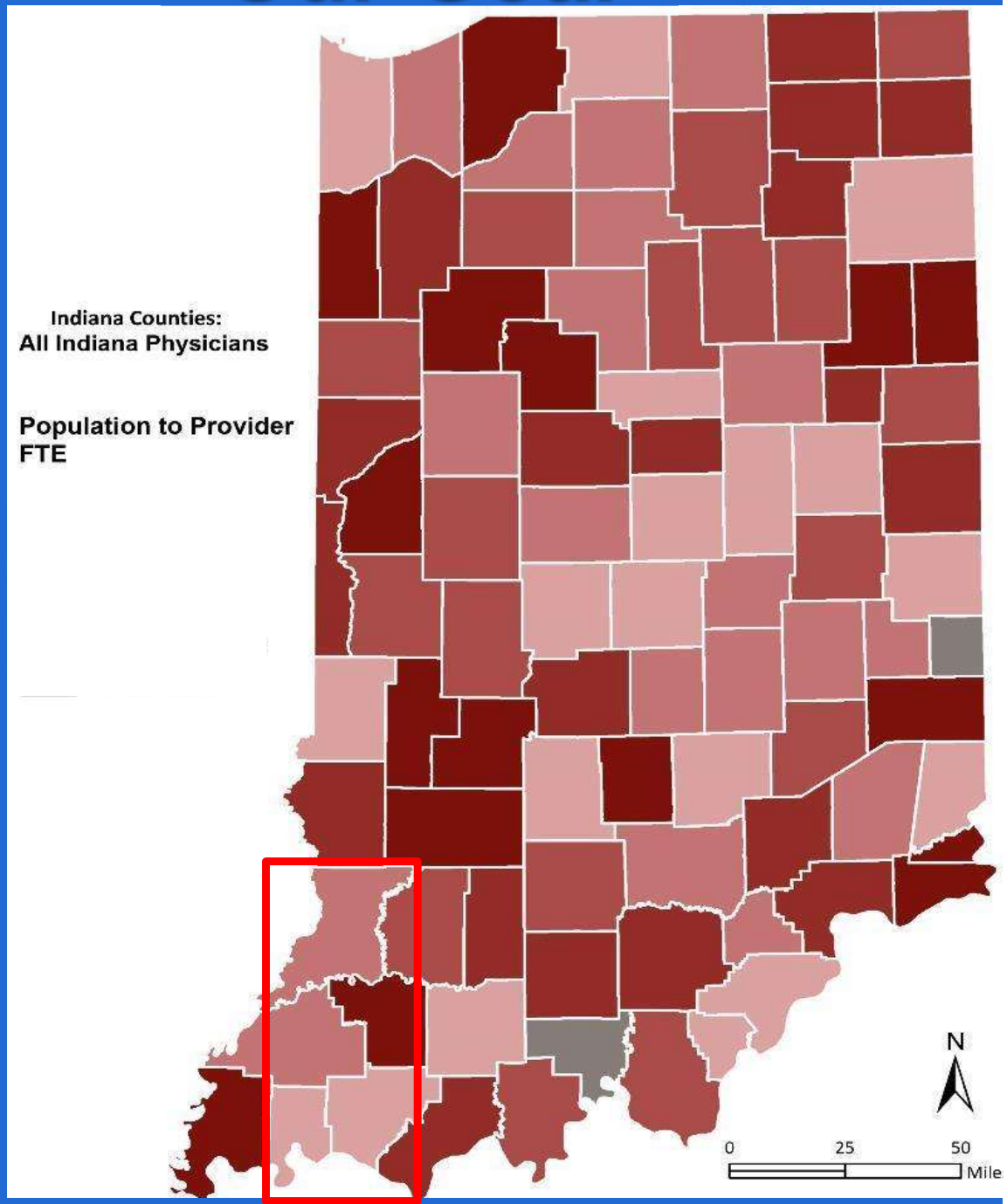
ACS Surgical Quality Partner / ACS NAPBC Breast Center Accreditation 2024

2015 Platinum Performance Achievement Award – ACTION Registry – GWTG – NCDR

The Leapfrog Group Safety 2025

Our Goal

The program is designed to address the primary care shortage by training general internal medicine physicians for the region.



Accreditation

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Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education
35 YEARS

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has granted the Internal Medicine Residency program initial accreditation ***with no citations***.

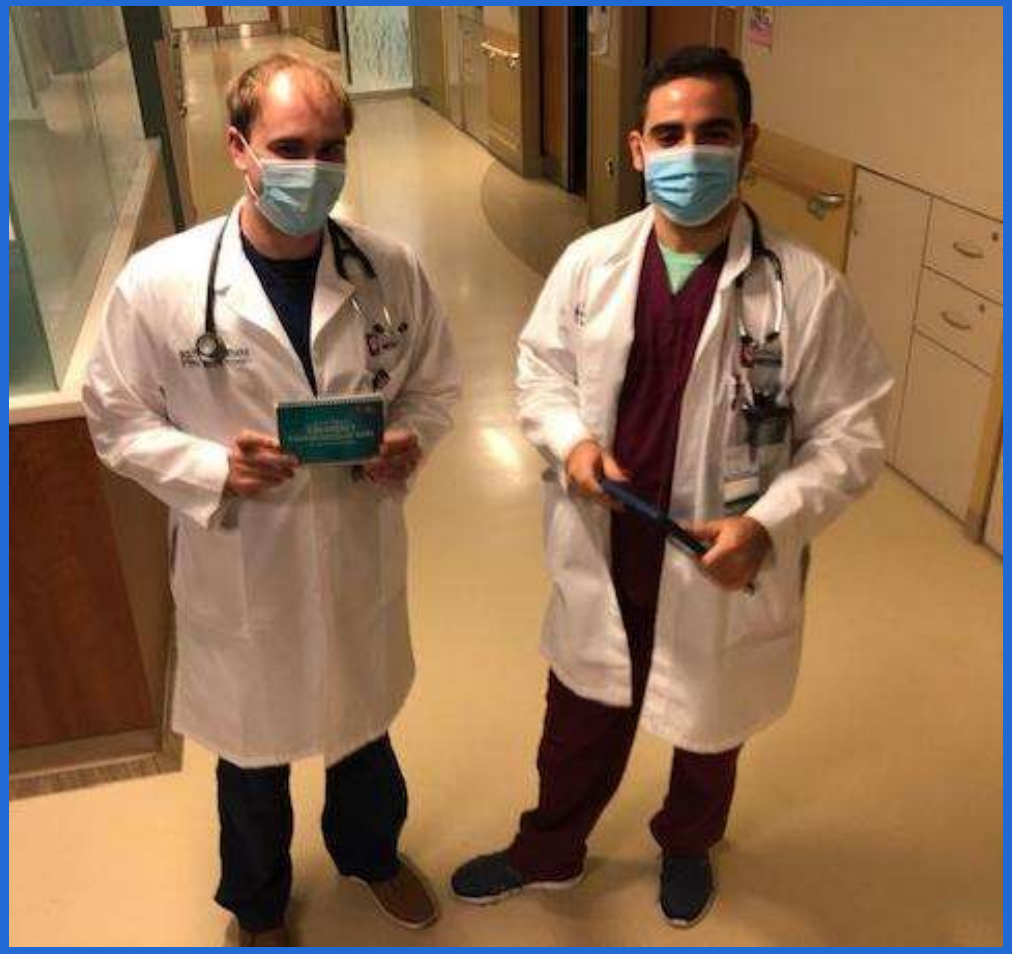
In addition, the residency **received two commendations** for *"its demonstrated substantial compliance with the ACGME's institutional and/or program requirements for graduate medical education without citations."*

The ACGME also issued an additional **commendation** for *"a well-prepared application that demonstrates familiarity with the program requirements and plans for compliance including areas for growth and further development."*



Patient Care

Thank You for all you did for our mom. <you and your team> communicated in thoughtful detail what was transpiring with our (severely ill) mom and what ultimately transpired by letting us know that surgery and chemo were the options and gave us the information to ultimately let mom make her decision carefully, rather than in an emotional state. Having never gone through this with a family member before, it was very emotional and your Team helped educate us on what was happening and treated all of us with respect and "Charity", meaning you really cared about our mom and our family.



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Academically Rigorous Environment

- EBM Journal Club
- Resident Scholarship
- All residents present posters

- ABIM focused core conference series

- Faculty and supervising residents have formal training in education

- Residents teach students on inpatient services and the resident practice

- Nurturing the next generation of faculty



The Doctors Mackay

Program Leadership



Robert Ficalora, MD, FACP
Program Director



Grace Greist, MD
DIO



James Butler, MD MRCP FACP
Senior Associate Program Director



Margaret Beliveau, MD, FACP
Associate Program Director



Jacob Weinzapfel, MD
Site Director



Front Row

Devon Fetters MD
Core Faculty
Margaret Beliveau MD
APD
Bob Ficalora MD
PD
James Butler MB
SAPD
Heidi Dunniway MD
CMO

Back Row

Colin Martyn MD
Core Faculty
Karl Sash MD
Core Faculty
Jesse Doyle MD
Chief Medical Resident
Jacob Weinzapfel MD
Site Director
John Gallagher MD
Faculty

Building Our Culture

"Working with committed friends, in a supportive environment, dedicated to patient care and education is all that I've ever valued in a career."



2025 Residency Kick-Off Event Celebration

In Summary



Exciting Times.

Important Opportunities.

Rigorous Academics

Community Clinical Site.

Stressing Education.

Process, Culture and Design Considered Together.

Thanks to all involved.