A Safety Net Residency in the Heart of New York City
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Welcome to the exciting world of Family Medicine in New York City. The Harlem Residency in Family Medicine offers an innovative training program for those who want to make a difference for America’s most medically underserved individuals. We are committed to the provision of comprehensive, coordinated, and culturally competent care to our community, and are devoted to providing our residents with the tools, skills, and vision necessary to become excellent clinicians and patient advocates.

New York City has been a safe harbor for waves of immigrants, creating a rich fabric of diverse neighborhoods. We serve a broad array of patients, spanning many cultures, ages, and socioeconomic groups, including those who are uninsured. Our residents care for and act as advocates for our patients and their communities.

Our program trains residents for leadership positions in a complex urban setting. We pride ourselves on the breadth of training opportunities we provide. Our health center employs the most innovative health information technology available to promote preventive care and health information exchange, including a patient portal in English and Spanish. Our advanced technology enabled residents to quickly provide telemedicine as an option for serving patients as the COVID-19 pandemic emerged.

Our residents are deeply involved in community outreach. Harlem Residents in Family Medicine are also trained to provide comprehensive women’s health care, including a full scope of reproductive care. We offer you the opportunity to reinvigorate and reinvent health care in New York City as a resident in our program. Come join us in our exciting adventure.

Sincerely,

Andrea Maritato, MD
Program Director
The Institute for Family Health
Harlem Residency in Family Medicine
About Our Organization

The Harlem Residency in Family Medicine was launched by The Institute for Family Health in 2012 to create a vibrant anchor for family medicine-oriented care and learning in the dynamic, high-need community of Harlem. The Institute is a non-profit organization founded in 1983 to increase access to high-quality primary care services to medically underserved populations. The Institute’s Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) network serves as primary care training sites for residents, medical students, and other health professionals. It meets national standards for affordable, accessible, and comprehensive health care services, with accreditation from the Joint Commission and designation as a Level 3 patient-centered medical home by the National Committee for Quality Assurance. It has also won numerous national awards for the innovative use of health information technology in the service of the underserved.

In a unique academic partnership, the Institute maintains an agreement with the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (ISMMS) to operate its Department of Family Medicine and Community Health. This partnership includes the Institute’s operation of the Mount Sinai Downtown (MSD) Residency in Urban Family Practice sponsored by ISMMS. The Harlem and MSD residencies operate as sister programs, collaborating on inpatient training, didactics, and additional hospital based rotations.

Our Mission

The mission of the Harlem Residency in Family Medicine is to prepare family physicians to serve as leaders in urban health care. The family practice model of care is based on a holistic approach to health that integrates psychological, social, economic, and environmental determinants of health with biomedical factors.

Our residency program builds upon the comprehensive approach of family medicine with an emphasis on the particular needs of medically underserved communities. In addition to learning how to effectively care for a diverse patient population, our residents will be prepared to assume leadership positions within health care or to work in academic settings that address the needs of the underserved.

We are proud of our residents’ skill and professionalism in addressing the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. As family physician residents, they are learning to provide comprehensive primary care to our diverse patients through telehealth and in-person visits as well as state-of-the-art inpatient care supported by advanced clinical and biomedical research. Our goal is to train our residents to provide the best possible care to our patients so that they can live healthy and productive lives.
Faculty

Neil Calman, MD, President & CEO, The Institute for Family Health
Chair, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Rush Medical College
Montefiore Medical Center, Family Practice Residency in Social Medicine
Special Interests: Health Disparities

Robert Schiller, MD, Designated Institutional Official & Chief Medical Officer, The Institute for Family Health
Vice Chair, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
New York University School of Medicine
Montefiore Medical Center, Family Practice Residency in Social Medicine,
Fellowship in Faculty Development in Family Medicine,
Special Interests: Integrative Medicine, Medical Ethics

Andrea Maritato, MD, MS
Program Director, Harlem Residency in Family Medicine
UMDNJ, New Jersey Medical School, Newark, NJ
Jamaica Hospital, Family Medicine Residency, Jamaica, NY
Special Interests: Transitions of Care

Lucia McLendon, MD, FAAFP
Associate Program Director
St. George’s University School of Medicine
Mount Sinai Downtown Residency in Urban Family Medicine
Fellowship in Reproductive Health & Advocacy, The Institute for Family Health
Special Interests: Full spectrum reproductive care, Procedural training

Daniel Napolitano, MD
Director of Inpatient Medicine
UMDNJ, New Jersey Medical School
Mount Sinai Downtown Residency in Family Medicine
Special Interests: Hospital Medicine

Yvonne Eisner, RN, FNP-BC
Co-Founder, The Institute for Family Health
Clinical Director, Walton Family Health Center
Pace University Lienhard School of Nursing
Special Interests: Team-based Practice

Leila Hagshenas, MD, FAAFP
Medical Director, Family Health Center of Harlem
The Chicago Medical School
Mount Sinai Downtown Residency in Urban Family Medicine
Special Interests: LGBT Health

Victor Sta. Ana, MD, MS
Director, Primary Care Scholars Program
Attending Faculty
Albany Medical College
Mount Sinai Downtown Residency in Urban Family Practice
Special Interests: Medical Education
Linda Prine, MD  
**Director of Women's Health**  
*Cornell University Medical College*  
Montefiore Medical Center Residency in Family and Social Medicine  
Faculty Development Fellowship, Institute for Urban Family Health  
Special Interests: Reproductive Health and Advocacy, Women’s Health

Robert Murayama-Greenbaum, MD, MPH, FACP, AAHIVS  
**HIV Medical Director**  
*SUNY Syracuse School of Medicine*  
Montefiore Medical Center, Social Internal Medicine  
Special Interests: HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, Transgender Care, Health Policy

Amy Mankodi, MD  
**Maternity Care Director, Family Health Center of Harlem**  
*Family Medicine OB Attending Faculty*  
*University Autònoma de Guadalajara School of Medicine*  
*Harlem Residency in Family Medicine*  
Special Interests: Obstetrics

Caitlin Weber, MD, MS  
**Family Medicine OB Attending Faculty**  
*Albany Medical College*  
*University of Texas at Austin Family Medicine Residency*  
*Fellowship in Family Planning, Columbia University*  
Special Interests: Reproductive Health Care, Access to Health Care

Mindy Brittner, MD, MS  
**Family Medicine OB Attending Faculty**  
*Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School*  
*Montefiore Medical Center, Family and Social Medicine Residency*  
*Fellowship in Adolescent Medicine, Columbia University*  
Special Interests: Adolescent Health, Reproductive Health

Melissa Evans, MD, MS  
**Family Medicine OB Attending Faculty**  
*New York Medical College*  
Montefiore Medical Center, Fellowship in Family Medicine Maternity Care & Obstetrics, Family and Social Medicine Residency  
Special Interests: Combating Black Maternal Mortality/Morbidity and Racial Bias in Maternity Care

Veronica Rivera, MD  
**Attending Physician**  
*Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, PA*  
*San Francisco General Hospital, Family & Community Medicine Residency Fellowship in Geriatrics, University of California, San Francisco*  
Special Interests: Geriatrics

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*Albert Einstein College of Medicine*  
*Harlem Residency in Family Medicine*  
Special Interests: Early Intervention, Addiction Medicine, Women’s Health
Gabrielle Surick, MD
Attending Faculty
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Harlem Residency in Family Medicine
Special Interests: Inpatient Medicine, Medical Education, HIV Care

Ivonne McLean, MD (Walton)
Attending Faculty
St. George’s University School of Medicine
University of Massachusetts Family Medicine Residency
Fellowship in Reproductive Health Care and Advocacy, Leadership Training Academy
Special Interests: Reproductive Health Care and Advocacy

Akash Patel, DO, MPH, AAHIVS (Walton)
Attending Faculty
Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine
Harlem Residency in Family Medicine
Special Interests: HIV Medicine, Transgender Care, Women’s Health

Zarah Virani, MD (Walton)
Attending Faculty
Ross University School of Medicine
Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Family Medicine Residency
Fellowship in Reproductive Health and Advocacy, The Reproductive Health Access Project (RHAP)
Special Interests: Women’s Health

Margaret Glausser, MD
Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine
University of Texas Southwestern School of Medicine
Mount Sinai Downtown Residency in Urban Family Health
Special interests: Clinic-based Procedures, Hospital Medicine

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Director, Community Health and Outreach
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Master of Social Work, Hunter College
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Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, Seton Hall University
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Preceptor
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Montefiore Medical Center, Family Practice Residency in Social Medicine
Special Interests: Health Services Delivery Research for Chronic Disease, Health Information Technology

Peter Marcus, MD
Preceptor
SUNY Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine
Brookdale Hospital & Medical Center Family Practice Residency
Special Interests: HIV

Maurice Martin, MD
Preceptor
New York University School of Medicine
University of Massachusetts Family Medicine Residency
Graduate Teaching Fellowship in Biology, University of Pennsylvania
Special Interests: Geriatric Medicine, Primary Care

Monica Weinberg, MD
Preceptor
Tufts University School of Medicine
Mount Sinai Hospital Internal Medicine Residency
Special Interests: Primary Prevention, Hyperlipidemia, Hypertension, and Nutrition

Elsen Jacob, PharmD, MS, BCPS, BCGP, CPPS
Clinical Pharmacy Faculty
Doctor of Pharmacy, St. John’s University
Pharmacy Practice Residency, Brigham and Women’s Hospital
Masters in Epidemiology, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Special Interests: Drugs of abuse and misuse, Geriatrics, Patient Safety, Health Equity, and Epidemiology

Robert Goldberg, DO
Musculoskeletal Preceptor
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Mount Sinai Hospital Internal Medicine Residency
Special Interests: Manual Medicine, Osteopathic Manipulation
Clinical Training Sites

Residents receive their family medicine ambulatory training in one of two federally qualified health centers operated by the Institute for Family Health. These sites provide comprehensive primary, behavioral health, and dental care to patients of all ages.

Family Health Center of Harlem
The Family Health Center of Harlem is located in a robust, culturally diverse neighborhood in Northern Manhattan with a rich history and a widespread sense of community. Over 18,000 patients made nearly 100,000 visits to the FHCH last year. FHCH offers group visits for diabetes and prenatal care, Zumba classes, yoga classes, and more, to help patients stay healthy. Residents are highly engaged with neighborhood organizations in promoting good health and social justice in the community.

Walton Family Health Center
The Walton Family Health Center is located in the Bronx neighborhood of Mount Hope. Much of the population is foreign-born originating from the Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Ecuador, Guyana as well as Ghana, Sierra Leone and Nigeria. Nearly 10,000 patients made 50,000 visits last year. WFHC has been a bedrock of affordable health care in the Southwest Bronx for almost 20 years. The health center was built in partnership with St. Edmund’s Episcopal Church and reflects its longtime relationship with the community.

Mount Sinai Hospital
The inpatient training site for the Harlem Residency in Family Medicine is The Mount Sinai Hospital, located at Madison Avenue and East 98th Street in Manhattan. Founded in 1852, Mount Sinai Hospital is a 1,134-bed, tertiary-care teaching facility acclaimed internationally for excellence in clinical care.

The Mount Sinai Hospital was named to the U.S. News & World Report Honor Roll in its 2019-2020 edition, ranking 14th out of nearly 5,000 hospitals nationwide. Mount Sinai also ranks in several specialties, and is top 10 in five of those: Geriatrics (#3), Cardiology and Health Surgery (#6), Diabetes and Endocrinology (#7), Gastroenterology (#9), and Nephrology (#10).
Community Engagement

Along with a strong clinical curriculum, the Harlem Residency in Family Medicine also prioritizes community engagement and social justice for disadvantaged populations. Historically, physicians have played a vital role in solving community problems and advocating for policy change that will improve health and the quality of life in these communities. The program’s Community Engagement Curriculum is designed to foster this role by advancing residents’ understanding of the social determinants of health that impact the patients they care for throughout their training.

Working with the Director of Community Health and other faculty, family medicine residents are paired with various community organizations, such as local social services agencies, food pantries, or local public health department offices. Residents provide expertise on matters of community health and work collaboratively with community based organizations on projects that will enhance health in the communities we serve.

Clinical rotations and electives at sites serving special populations further advance residents’ skills in caring for underserved populations. For example, adolescent health is taught in the health clinics of public high schools and in a center for LGBTQ homeless youth. Residents train in a variety of health center sites, such as sites serving homeless populations that are operated by the Institute, a nursing home caring for complex patients of all ages, and other community sites, such as the Harlem Children’s Zone. Residents have exposure to a wide range of health needs.

Residents also engage in outreach and in advocacy at the local, state, and national level. They offer health screenings at local street fairs, conduct community health needs assessments, and march for social justice. Harlem residents have met with members of the New York State Assembly to advocate for community health centers, and have made presentations to members of Congress. Residents are regularly involved in local advocacy for underserved populations at Mount Sinai.

Aimee Mankodi, MD, advocates for the federal Teaching Health Center Program before members of Congress.
Harlem Residency Program Highlights

Full Spectrum Reproductive Health Training: Comprehensive Nationally Recognized Training
- Training options in counseling, ultrasounds, and LARC (Long acting reversible contraception)
- Fellowship in reproductive health
- Family physician faculty performing obstetrics
- Innovative group prenatal visit training for all residents (Centering Pregnancy Model)
- Training at affiliated Planned Parenthood sites – Brooklyn, Bronx, and Queens

Longitudinal Implicit Bias, Advocacy, and Social Justice Training
- Quarterly seminars focused on implicit bias and advocacy
- Quarterly seminars focused on key social justice topics affecting the community we serve, with a panel of community leaders

Community Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine
- Incorporates national curricular guidelines for adolescent medicine
- Care for LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness/ unstable housing at Ali Forney, a local drop-in center
- Caring for students at a local high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools

Resident Well Being
- Monthly intern support group
- Monthly Balint group
- Resident buddies
- Advisor/Mentor support
- Resident retreats 2-3x yearly
- Class rotations – PGY1, 2, & 3

Faculty in Biopsychosocial Training
- Psychologists train residents in counseling and complex patient management
- Resident and faculty Balint groups
- Training in motivational interviewing and behavior change

Integrative Medicine (IM)
- All PGY2s participate in a 2-week rotation focused on complementary and alternative medicine
- Additional integrative medicine training available through didactics, electives, and on-line modules

Training using Electronic Health Records (EHR)
- Training sites use EPIC, a state-of-the-art EHR, extensive clinical reports for reviewing and improving practice patterns, and a patient portal available in English and Spanish

The Institute for Family Health is recognized by the CDC as a Center of Excellence for leadership in:
- Overcoming health disparities
- Electronic Health Records collaboration with NYC Department of Health
Family Medicine Residency Curriculum & Tracks

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Alumni

**Underserved**
Dimitri Blanas, MD, 2016 - Maine Mobile Health Program (ME)
Tony Davis, MD, 2016 – Greeneville Family Medicine (TN)
Cherokee Health Systems (TN)
Amalia Dorelien, MD, 2016 - HRH Care Community Health (NY)
Nnennaya Duke, MD, 2016 – Prohealth Physicians (CT)
Kris Murphy, MD, 2016 – Community Health Center of Danbury (CT)
Bamidele Olatunbosun, MD, 2016 – Lifelong Medical Care (CA)
Anika Richards, MD, 2017 – NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene
Shanti Guerrero, MD, 2018 – La Clinica de la Raza (CA)
Mona Ghose, MD, 2019 – Visiting Docs (NY)
Kendall Rao, MD, 2019 – Ryan Health Center (NY)
Medhanit Tekle, MD, 2019 – Community of Hope (DC)
Jeffry Mutuc, 2020 – Ryan Health Center (NY)
Georgina Adjei, MD, 2020 – Hope Health Center (AZ)
Ashley Guadalupe-Padgett, MD, 2021 - Institute for Family Health

**Clinical Care**
Patricia Li, MD, 2015 – City MD (NY)
Laura Tavarez MD, 2015 – Hackensack Meridian Health (NJ)
Jarrett Kelly, MD, 2015 – Lincoln Medical Center (NY)
Tamara Kamash, MD, 2015 – Jacobi Medical Center (NY)
Denise Elizondo, MD, 2015 – Aurora Health Care (WI)
Chrisanne Kuczmarski, MD, 2015 - Locum Tenens Family Medicine (traveling MD)
Anthony Chu, MD, 2016 – Heal, Physician, (CA)
Afari Dwamena, MD, 2016 - Fayetteville Regional Health System (IN)
Alyssa Ren, MD, 2016 – One Medical (CA)
Brian Ross, MD, 2016 - Healthcare4ppl, Atlanta (GA)
Chandra Singh, MD, 2016 - Otay Mesa Outpatient Medical Center (CA)
Olufemi Balogun, MD, 2017 – MidAtlantic Permanent Medical Group (DC)
Savita Gopal, MD, 2017 – Kaiser Permanente at Oakland (CA)
Valerie Soued, MD, 2017 – Oak Street Health (PA)
Alex Aarons, MD, 2018 – Irongate Family Practice (NY)
Christine Chang, MD, 2018 – Emory University – School based (GA)
Patrice Thorpe-Jamison, MD, 2018 – Kaiser Permanente (GA)
Tamer Kamash, MD, 2018 – Mount Sinai Hospital Urgent Care (NY)
Kathleen Bernard, MD, 2018 – Sun Care Health (NY)
Sha'lllah Brewton, MD, 2019 – Urgent Care, Patient First (VA)
Chae Boyd, MD, 2019 – Heal, Physician, (GA)
Nina Ragaz, MD, 2019 – Mount Sinai Urgent Care (NY)
Sarah Baden, MD, 2019 – Montefiore Medical Center (NY)
Cleopatra McGovern, MD, 2020 – Community of Hope, Washington, DC
Emilie Wasserman, MD, 2020 – Planned Parenthood (NY)
Bjorn Holestol, MD, 2020, Baptiste Health Medical Group (KY)
Libby Brubaker, DO, 2021 - Planned Parenthood (NY)
Kelsey Wilson-Henjum, MD, 2021 - Montefiore Medical Center (NY)

**Academic**
Aimee Mankodi, MD, 2016 – The Institute for Family Health
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Akash Patel, DO, MPH, 2017 – The Institute for Family Health
Jason Rappaport, MD 2018 – Benefis Health System (MT)
Gabrielle Surick, MD, 2019 – The Institute for Family Health
**Fellowship**
Sergio Guiteau, MD, 2016 – Sports Medicine, Atlantic Health Systems (NJ)
Mark Sinclair, MD, 2016 - Addiction Medicine, The Institute for Family Health
Ana Garcia, DO, 2020 – Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center School of Medicine – Sports Fellowship
Lara Weiss, MD, 2021 Integrated Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine Fellowship, Mount Sinai Hospital (NY)

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