Program Details

- Three-year program with **SIX RESIDENTS PER YEAR** in the state’s largest metropolitan city.
- Train in the **ONLY ADULT LEVEL 1** and **FIRST PEDIATRIC LEVEL 2** Trauma Centers in Central/Western Iowa.
- Exceptional clinical training and active scholarly activity in a well-rounded practice of emergency medicine in a **NONPROFIT, COMMUNITY-BASED** setting.
- **UNIQUE ROTATION OPPORTUNITIES**: EMS flight experience, rural EM, first-month orientation block, residency class retreats, and a wide array of electives with ample space to develop niche expertise.
- Learn from over 30 hospital-employed, board-certified EM physicians.
- **SUPERIOR CLINICAL EDUCATORS** with frequent 1:1 teaching ensuring that each resident takes on increasing responsibility and experiences meaningful autonomy.
- No competing subspecialty learners.
- Robust, engaging and individually tailored didactic curriculum.
- Frequent teaching opportunities with student rotators from **DES MOINES UNIVERSITY** and **UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**.

Program Leadership

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Why build a new EM program in Des Moines, Iowa?

Most emergency care in midwestern rural states, such as Iowa, is administered by non-EM trained providers. As the only community-based EM residency training program in the state, this program is best suited to prepare residents for practicing in a wide array of clinical settings. Residents will gain an appreciation for the unique challenges of practicing emergency medicine in environments ranging from a major tertiary referral trauma center to a rural hospital, and everything in-between.

About UnityPoint Health - Des Moines Medical Education and Residency Training

UnityPoint Health - Des Moines, comprised of Iowa Methodist Medical Center, Iowa Lutheran Hospital, Methodist West Hospital and Blank Children’s Hospital, represents seven residency programs with approximately 100 resident physicians each academic year in IM, Surgery, FM, TY, Pediatrics, Psychiatry and Podiatry. The four hospitals share a long history of providing exceptional quality graduate medical education to physicians in training.

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