

## TWIN FALLS CLINIC

**Description:** The clinic is a group practice affiliated with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. It is located in a medical plaza about ten blocks from the hospital, and is a good example of how an “80/20” clinic works (80% outpatient, 20% inpatient). Twin Falls is a wonderful family-oriented community. On the weekends, depending on the season, you may talk Dr. Fortuin into showing you the local hiking, skiing at Sun Valley, or swimming and fishing on the nearby Snake River (you’re on your own if you want to BASE jump off the bridge). He is the coordinator for the rotation but you may also be working with his partners. One unique feature of this clinic is the tight knit, supportive group of subspecialists that will allow you to follow patients into general or orthopedic evaluations and surgery, dermatology evaluations and biopsies, and gynecological procedures. The practice encompasses a broad range of general internal medicine and community-based pulmonology, and has approximately 75% females. Residents should expect to see about 4-10 patients per day, as well as round on hospital patients. Common procedures include sleep studies, PFTs, Pap smears, treadmill and P-mibi. Another unique feature of this site is access to the office management consultants from the hospital. Make sure to spend some time with them, they will teach you the specifics of billing and coding, as well as how an office runs.

**Facilities:** The clinic has extra office space and staff for the resident. The office uses a PDA-based electronic medical record. Several textbooks are available, and ‘Up To Date’ is available online. Housing is provided.

**Expectations:** Residents will work closely with Dr Fortuin and his partners in the office and will take back-up call for the practice several days during their stay. Dress is business casual (no jeans, but tie not required). All patients will be presented to the preceptors. Resident independence will be negotiated as the month proceeds. Expect one-on-one teaching with an emphasis on practical issues involved in delivering excellent medical care. You will need to arrange coverage for your clinic at the VA before you go. Talk to Nancy about this.

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### **Additional Preparations:**

- Application for appointment to medical staff, Magic Valley
- Proof of liability coverage
- Copy of medical license
- Vaccination records

**Directions:** I-84 east. Take first Twin Falls exit (about 2 hours from Boise). Cross the bridge and stay on Blue Lakes Blvd. Turn right (45°) onto Shoshone street at the light. The clinic is on the left between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> (660 Shoshone).



Top: Dr. Brian Fortuin (left) is a U. W graduate and the site coordinator. His group (top right) includes Dr. Robert Lobb, Dr. Patrick Desmond, Dr. Fortuin, and Dr. Warren Dopson. Middle: Beautiful Shoshone Falls (left) is only minutes from the clinic. Pomerelle ski resort ( right) is about one hour from Twin Falls while Sun Valley ski resort is about 2 hours. Perrine bridge (bottom) over the Snake River is a favorite for BASE jumping.

## SAINT LUKE'S INTERNAL MEDICINE (Boise)

**Description:** Saint Luke's Internal Medicine is a large group practice associated with St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. Several general internists and geriatricians practice independently, although they share call. They are based in four offices, and you will work closely with one the staff. The coordinator is Leslie Nona, MD. The female general internists have a high percentage of female patients, a nice counterpoint to your VA clinic. Expect to be able to perform several Pap smears while there. If you are interested, you may work with more than one of these practitioners during the month. This site differs from others in the size and scope of the St. Luke's clinic and specialty referral system. It is our best CBT opportunity to evaluate a large hospital-owned organization. The group hopes to share medical knowledge, particularly that gained from experience, but a large part of your learning during this rotation will be on a more intangible level. This can be an opportunity for you to focus your career goals, and develop insight into practice options. You'll see how private practitioners fit into a larger medical community, how they interact with each other, consultants, home health teams, nursing homes, hospitals and urgent care centers. You may be exposed to a variety of practice and time management styles, all of which have the long-term doctor-patient relationship at their core.

**Facilities:** There are four large, modern office complexes located near St. Luke's, on Park center Boulevard in Meridian, and in Eagle. Where you work depends upon with whom you work. St. Luke's Regional Medical Center has a well-equipped medical library, which includes medline searching capabilities. All offices have several textbooks available. You will work out of one or two exam rooms. Notes are dictated.

**Expectations:** Expectations are basic. Please recognize that the staff are sharing two things that are very valuable to them, their patients and their time. Be respectful of this, and be a good representative of the practice to the community. Residents will work closely with one internist at a time. They will see 5-8 ambulatory patients per day as well as appropriate inpatients. Residents will take first call by phone several times during the month. Resident independence will be negotiated as the month progresses. You will continue to see patients in your continuity clinic at the VA one half-day per week. You may attend VA grand rounds and Anderson Center conferences if you wish.

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**Additional Preparation:**

- Application for resident privileges at St. Luke's
- Proof of liability coverage
- Copy of medical license



Dr. Leslie Nona (top) is a graduate of the Boise track and is the site coordinator. Her office is located across the street from the main St. Luke's hospital (bottom).

## McCALL INTERNAL MEDICINE

**Description:** Marcia Witte (Boise track graduate and former Chief Resident) and David Burica (longtime McCall resident and experienced internist) practice medicine in the beautiful resort town of McCall. Located 100 miles north of Boise, McCall is a small, rural town in a recreation paradise with a beautiful lake, snow and water skiing, fishing, hiking, mountain biking, and immediate access to the back country. Both practices are affiliated with McCall Memorial Hospital and serve patients from a wide area in West Central Idaho. The practices encompass a broad range of general internal medicine, primarily in an outpatient setting. Subspecialty care is limited, and there is a focus on front-line issues and continuity of care. Residents will spend the majority of their time in clinic. Common procedures include minor skin procedures, Pap smears, endometrial biopsies, and exercise treadmill tests. Some time may also be spent on inpatient care at the 15-bed hospital. Housing is provided.

**Facilities:** The two clinics are located off-campus from the hospital and are each staffed by a single physician and helpful support staff. A physician's assistant also works in Dr. Witte's clinic on a part-time basis. Charts in clinic are currently dictated, but implementation of an electronic medical record is anticipated in 2007. Computers with online access are available in both clinics.

McCall Memorial Hospital is a beautiful 15-bed facility with a wide range of services available on-site. Average length of hospital stay is less than 3 days; critically-ill patients and those requiring surgical or subspecialty inpatient care are transferred to higher-level facilities in Boise. Radiology diagnostic services include xray, ultrasound, a new, 32-slice CT and a mobile MRI unit. The cardiopulmonary department offers pulmonary function testing, treadmill testing, and a sleep lab. The emergency room has full-time physician coverage provided by the local family practice group. The hospital recently opened an Integrative Medicine Clinic that offers a personalized approach to wellness using both conventional and alternative (including acupuncture, massage, meditation, and yoga) medicine.

**Expectations:** Residents will work closely with Drs. Witte and Burica in their clinics. All patients will be presented to the preceptors. Resident independence will be negotiated as the month proceeds. Expect one-on-one teaching with an emphasis on practical issues involved in delivering excellent primary medical care in a rural setting. You will need to arrange one all-day clinic at the VA before you go (at the beginning of the month). Talk to Nancy about this.

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### **Additional Preparations:**

- Application for appointment to medical staff, McCall Memorial
- Proof of liability coverage
- Copy of medical license



Top: Long Valley Clinic (where Dr. Witte practices) and Dr. Witte (site preceptor).  
Middle: Dr. Burica (left) with sturgeon, and Dr. Burica's office.  
Bottom: McCall Memorial hospital

## **WOOD RIVER INTERNAL MEDICINE (SUN VALLEY)**

**Description:** This is a hospital-based, multi-specialty clinic located next door to the beautiful new St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center a few miles south of Ketchum/Sun Valley. You will work closely with Dr. Royal McClure, a University of Washington Internal Medicine residency graduate, and his partner Dan Fairman. You may also negotiate some time with the other specialists in the clinic if you desire. Specialties represented include family medicine, orthopedic and general surgery, pediatrics and GI. While working in the clinic, you will cover the emergency room twice per month on a rotating basis. Here you may handle lacerations, simple fractures and some adolescent and pediatric problems (common features of rural Internal Medicine). Procedures in which you may participate include upper GI endoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, skin biopsy and treadmills. You may also be asked to consult for other specialists. The practice covers a wide range of "bread-and-butter" medicine problems within a fee-for-service, primary care delivery model.

**Facilities:** The hospitals in Sun Valley and Ketchum have gone through a recent merger with St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. This makes it a particularly interesting time to observe the politics and business of medical practice. The Wood River Medical Center office complex has 3000 square feet. You and doctor McClure will be working out of two exam rooms so that you will have to be efficient. Notes are either hand written or dictated depending on length. Available information resources include ??????. Housing is provided.

**Expectations:** Residents will work closely with Dr's McClure and Fairman in the office and hospital. All patients must be presented to a preceptor. Residents will take first call by phone several days during the month (every 4<sup>th</sup> or less) with one of the faculty backing them up. Nonetheless, there will be time to enjoy the world-renowned recreational opportunities in Sun Valley. Resident independence will be negotiated as the month progresses. Expect one-on-one teaching with a focus on quality and integration within a multi-specialty group. Dress code should be slacks and sports shirts with ties optional for men, and the equivalent for women. You will need to arrange one all-day clinic at the VA before you go (at the beginning of the month). Talk to Nancy about this.

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### **Additional Preparations:**

- Application for appointment as a resident, Wood River Medical Center
- Proof of liability coverage
- Copy of medical license

**Directions:** To the left (going north) off highway 75 between Hailey and Ketchum.



Top: The beautiful new office space housing Wood River Internal Medicine.  
Bottom: Dr. McClure (right), a U.W. residency graduate is the preceptor. You will also work with Dr. Fairman (left).

## **TERRY REILY HEALTH SERVICES (NAMPA)**

**Description:** Penny Beach (former FMRI graduate) and Mark Mering are the preceptors for this experience. Terry Reilly health services is a system of community health clinics that provide comprehensive care to underserved populations in the greater Treasure Valley area. Accordingly, their patient population has a large number of people with economic difficulties, the working poor, unemployed, homeless, and un- or under-insured persons. They also provide bilingual services to Spanish-speaking populations. A combination of family medicine physicians and midlevel providers staff these clinics, providing excellent care to at-risk patient populations.

**Facilities:** There are several clinic sites from which to choose. Although varying in size, on the whole, they have on-site laboratory and imaging services, as well as readily-available pharmacy and social work support. The Boise site tends to serve more homeless and recently homeless populations; The Nampa clinic tends to serve more Spanish-speaking populations; Marsing, Melba and Homedale serve a mix of Hispanic and rural populations. See <http://www.trhs.org> for more details. Housing is not provided.

**Expectations:** One month rotation; eight half-days per week at the TRHS clinics. One half-day per week of continuity clinic at the VA and one half-day of administrative time. Structure is flexible and can be arranged with your supervising physicians. You will start at the main campus in Nampa. Thereafter, time can be split between different clinic sites in order to gain exposure to the different populations and setting they serve. Furthermore, as this is a full service clinic, offering pediatric and obstetrical care in addition to gynecological and adult medicine services, residents will likely work with a pool of providers so as to see the patient population that is appropriate for their training. If interested, residents may be able to admit and follow patients at Mercy Medical center.

**Availability:** One resident at a time

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### **Additional Preparations:**

- Trainee application, confidentiality statement, proof of immunities, proof of HIPPA and Safety training
- Proof of liability coverage
- Copy of medical license

