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**Ascension St Vincent Indianapolis  
Internal Medicine Residency Evansville**

# **Introduction 2027**



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# Ascension St Vincent Hospital Internal Medicine Residency Evansville

**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.



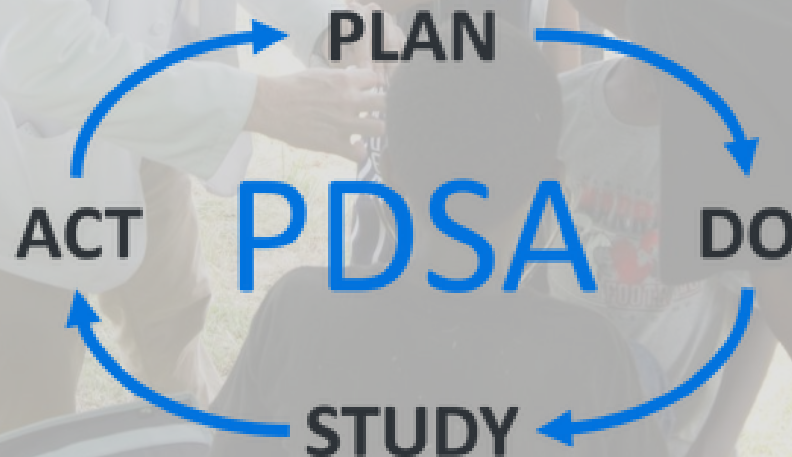


## **Ascension St Vincent Hospital Internal Medicine Residency Evansville**

### **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.

**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



# 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 - \$144,906



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# Our Hospital has a long history of innovation

1872-1894



HOSPITAL, EVANSVILLE, 1894-1956



1956-Today



Today





# 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

Ascension  
St. Vincent Evansville



Celebrating  
our third  
Magnet®  
designation



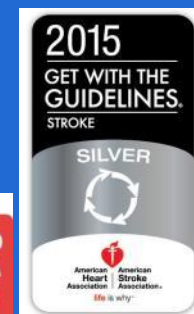
Re- Accreditation 9/2026



Healthgrades  
2024,2025



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Re- Accreditation 2022

Mechanical  
Thrombectomy-  
8/26/2026

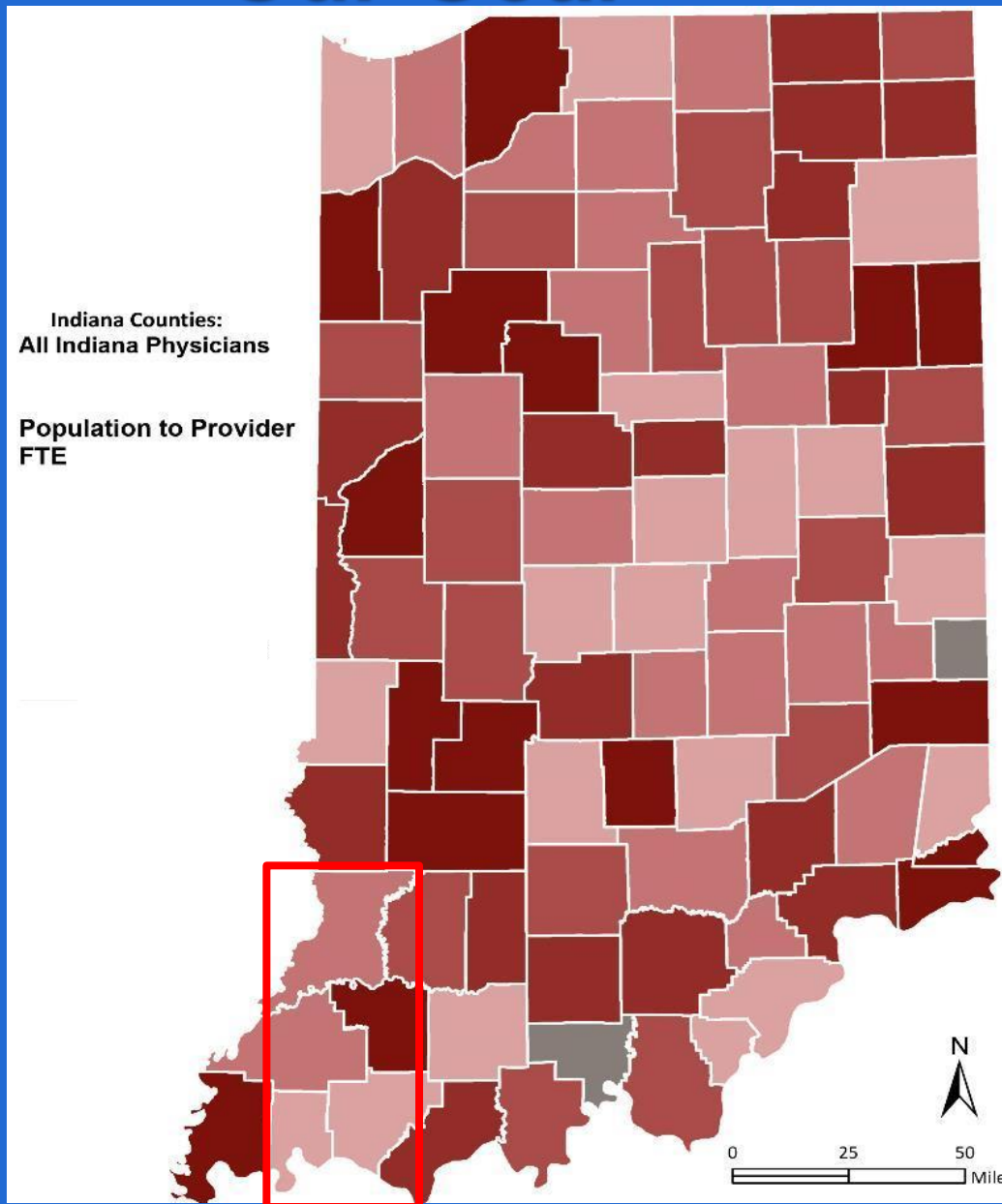




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The program is designed to address the primary care shortage by training general internal medicine physicians for the region.

# Our Goal





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.”*

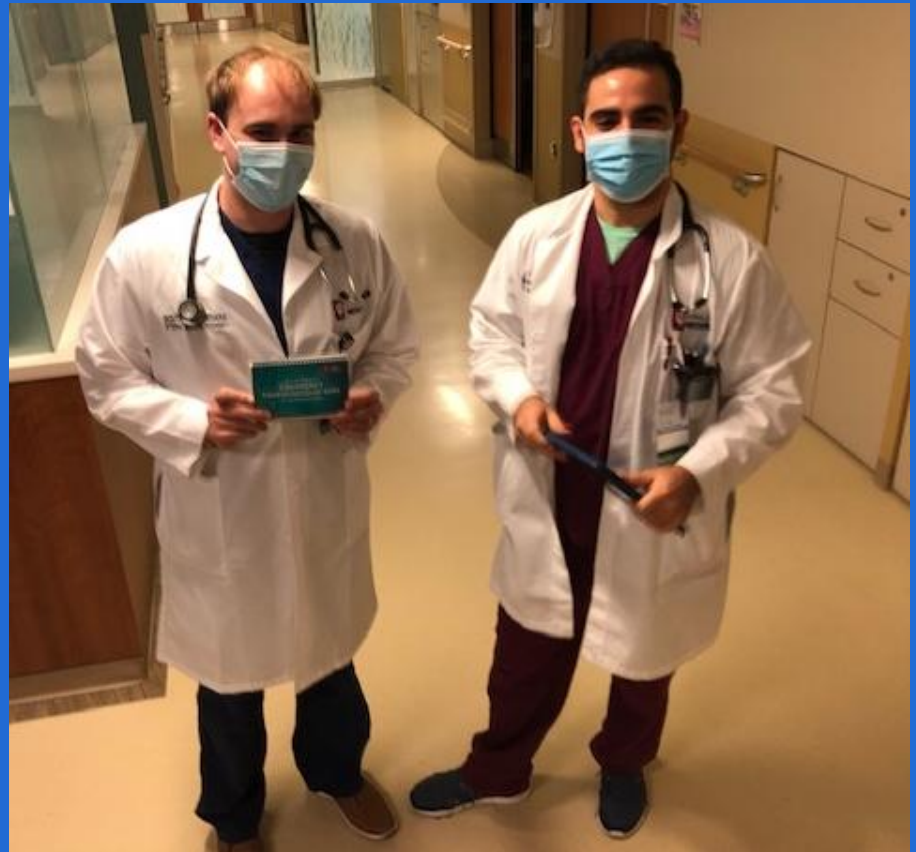
The ACGME also issued an additional **commendation** for *“a well-prepared application that demonstrates familiarity with the program requirements and plans for compliance including areas for growth and further development.”*



# 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.*



# 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



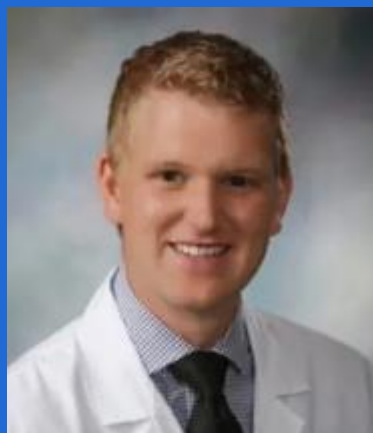
# Program Leadership



**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 Feters 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.**

