



Crownpoint Healthcare Facility

Crownpoint, New Mexico
Navajo Area Indian Health Services



Full Spectrum Primary Care!

**Family Medicine
Internal Medicine
Pediatrics
Psychiatry
Dental**

**In the 4-corners area of
the sunny Southwest!**

- **18 Physician Group Practice with ER, OB, Inpatient and Outpatient – all under one roof!**
 - **2 off-site satellite clinics.**

16 Bed Hospital 7 Bed ER Low risk Labor & Delivery
3 – Busy Outpatient Continuity Clinics and 24 hour Urgent Care
On-site Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, 24-hour Lab and Radiology and Mental Health clinic.

- Navajo Area IHS has a long-standing reputation for attracting high quality physicians & professional staff.
 - Crownpoint IHS is the only full spectrum Family Medicine practice in Navajo Area!
 - **PLEASE CONTACT US for an interview!**

What do we love about Crownpoint?

#1. Our Patients:

Our patients are gracious people, committed to their continuity provider, with a rich, intact culture that includes their arts (rug weaving, jewelry, rodeo) and their active practice of traditional medicine. They are fascinating, rewarding people to work with.

#2 Our Group Practice:

In our rural location, we share everything, from food and fun, to call and patients. We are truly a group practice. As primary care providers, our family medicine model allows each of us to continue to do ER, inpatient, OB, Peds, Internal medicine, orthopedics, geriatrics, etc. A truly rewarding practice. We have reasonable call and a “4-tens” schedule. We are a “single payor health plan” at its best!

#3 Our Location:

- Crownpoint is 2 hours west of Albuquerque, conveniently located for access to the state’s only major airport.
- Located at 7,500 feet, we are the highest Navajo area site, with the best weather!
- Out-door opportunities abound! Mountain biking trails, single track and jeep roads on mesas, mountains and slick rock are all convenient to Crownpoint. Moab is just about 4 hours northwest.
- Skiing downhill or backcountry: The BEST snow in Colorado is only 3 hours away! (Wolf Creek Pass, Durango, Telluride or Taos)
- Backpacking or Hiking: The Grand Canyon and Utah’s glorious canyon country are 4 hours west of Crownpoint and 4 of the Southern Rockies’ Wilderness areas are 3-4 hours north.
- Anasazi Culture: Chaco Canyon is only 1 hour away!

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Resident Elective Rotation in Rural Primary Care Medicine

OBJECTIVE:

The goal of this elective is to provide the senior level resident with an exposure to rural family practice –model medicine in a cross-cultural setting. As this type of practice setting involves broad community and hospital involvement, the elective does also.

APPLICATION:

The resident coordinator at the Crownpoint IHS facility can reserve a time slot in advance once a resident expresses an interest in the elective. As this elective is popular and often fills months to a year in advance, it is advisable to contact the coordinator as early as possible to verify that space exists. Once that is done, the resident should submit a letter of intent and a current curriculum vita. The letter should include the specific dates in which you are interested, as well as a return address and phone number. The resident will then be tentatively entered into the schedule and an orientation packet will be mailed to the response.

CONTENT OF THE ELECTIVE:

The elective is generally four weeks but, on occasion, may be as long as eight. The majority of time is spent in the outpatient setting in the Urgent Care, Emergency Department and Outpatient Department Specialty and Continuity clinics. In addition, you may spend time on the Med/Peds/OB inpatient wards as well. The experience may also include visits to a separate satellite clinics at Pueblo Pintado; home visits with public health nurses and mental health staff.

The resident is to attend morning rounds each day beginning at 7:30 AM. At 8:30 patient care begins and continues until approximately 6:00 PM with an hour lunch break at noon. The resident will be scheduled four days a week, with three day weekends. The resident will be paired with one of the facility's twenty providers, including family practitioners, internists, pediatricians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners. After a brief orientation to the facility and the Navajo culture the resident will see patients independently and report back to the primary provider to briefly discuss the visit prior to the patient's departure. Historically, residents participating in this elective have demonstrated excellent clinical and decision-making skills, and have enjoyed the autonomy.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS:

Housing is provided at no expense for all students and residents visiting our facility. This includes students and residents from other departments including Dental, Optometry and Pharmacy. The accommodations are spartan but have the usual amenities such as a kitchen, full baths, bedrooms, and living area. Housing units are located 5 minutes from the hospital by car and a short walk from running, hiking and mountain biking trails on the mesa.

Crownpoint IHS Website: www.ihs.gov/Navajo/Crownpoint/index.cfm