For four decades, the Duluth Family Medicine Residency has been educating compassionate, skilled family physicians, preparing them to be the foundation of healthy communities.

Our two training hospitals are regional referral centers for Northern Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Both sites are within walking distance of our independent community clinic.

As the only stand-alone residency program in the Northern Minnesota region, Duluth provides supportive and direct training from multiple specialty groups that value the dedication and aptitude of our family medicine residents.

What Our Residents Say:

“I chose Duluth for residency because of its rigorous, broad-scope training with the option for surgical obstetrics—and because of the gorgeous location on the North Shore.”

“My goal is to be a well-rounded physician so that I’m comfortable practicing in a rural environment. Duluth has it all: high volume, high risk OB with an opportunity for c-section training, and two large hospitals that provide a great opportunity for variety and hands-on learning.”
CURRICULUM
> High volume, high risk obstetrics and c-section; additional training available
> Outstanding adult medicine and pediatrics inpatient experience
> Ultrasound didactics and training on-site
> Broad elective opportunities adaptable to resident focus

FACULTY
> Core faculty team: family medicine physicians, pediatrician, behaviorists, and pharmacists
> Clinic preceptors from more than 20 regional communities
> Areas of interest include rural medicine, special needs populations, women’s health, chronic disease management, emergency medicine, and obstetrics

RESIDENT LIFE
> Duluth voted “America’s Best Outdoor Town” by Outside Magazine in 2014
> Access to Lake Superior, 14 nearby state parks, 120 municipal parks, and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
> Emphasis on serving the homeless and special needs populations
> Opportunities to work with neighborhood elementary school children about science, medicine, and safety
> Physician-led prenatal classes

CLINIC
Duluth Family Medicine Clinic
> Integrated care model, including interprofessional education with PharmD and behavioral health providers, social worker, nurse educators, and care coordinators
> On-site digital x-ray, ultrasound, and COLA-certified moderate complexity lab
> Located within walking distance of both hospitals

PATIENT POPULATION
> 75% adults, 13% seniors, 10% adolescents, 2% infants
> 40% Medicaid, 30.5% private insurance, 26% Medicare, 3.5% uninsured

HOSPITALS
Essentia Health–St. Mary’s Medical Center
> Region’s largest hospital, featuring a Level II Trauma Center; multiple ICUs, including the region’s only ICU for newborns and children; and multispecialty services
> Integrated health system serving community health needs and resources in four states

St. Luke’s Hospital
> Region’s first hospital since 1881, featuring a Level II Trauma Center; 14 primary care clinics and 30 specialty clinics, providing state-of-the-art care and serving three states

CALL
> In-house and home call frequency vary by rotation design and educational needs