



# IDAHO WWAMI: Health Partnership for a Region



WWAMI is a partnership of the University of Washington School of Medicine and the states of Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho.



## Mission

The WWAMI program is dedicated to delivering medical education and health resources that foster an outstanding workforce to improve healthcare quality and access for the region.

## WWAMI Provides a High-quality, Cost-effective Medical Education for Idaho Students

*U.S. News & World Report* (2017) has ranked the UW School of Medicine No. 1 in primary care for 22 of the past 23 years. The School also has ranked No. 1 in rural medicine and family medicine — rankings held for 25 consecutive years.

### WWAMI IS COST-EFFECTIVE

*Average annual cost to educate a medical student*

UW-WWAMI student (tuition and state support) \$71,000

U.S. student \$85,000–\$130,000

## WWAMI is an Enduring Partnership

In 1971, the UW School of Medicine initiated a collaboration with the states of Washington, Alaska, Montana and Idaho to provide access to high-quality and cost-effective public medical education and to meet physician workforce needs across the region. Wyoming joined the collaboration in 1996. The WWAMI program is an internationally recognized model for community-based, decentralized medical education.

Throughout WWAMI's 45-year history, thousands of participants — including physicians and other healthcare providers, universities, medical societies, hospitals and legislators — have partnered and achieved success by sharing resources, expertise and knowledge.

### WWAMI PRODUCES PHYSICIANS TO HELP MEET IDAHO'S WORKFORCE NEEDS

Total Idaho WWAMI graduates	578
Idaho WWAMI graduates who have returned to their home state of Idaho to practice	292/578 (51%)
Graduates from all WWAMI states who have chosen to practice in Idaho — the total return on investment	435/578 (75%)
National average of graduates who practice in the same state where they received their medical education	38.7%

### OUR GRADUATES CHOOSE PRIMARY CARE — AT A HIGHER RATE

UW School of Medicine graduates who entered a primary-care residency program in 2015	60%
National average of graduates who entered a primary-care residency program in 2015	49.9%

### STATE INVESTMENT IN IDAHO WWAMI MEDICAL STUDENTS IN FY 2015

Idaho State Appropriation	\$3,962,000
State Appropriation Spent in Idaho	\$2,852,640
Average State Support per Student (6% decrease from FY 2014)	\$39,670

# HEALTH PARTNERSHIP FOR A REGION



TRUST Communities:  
Hailey, Jerome, McCall,  
Nampa, Orofino  
and Sandpoint

**LEGEND**

- ★ Foundation Site
- ★ WWAMI Regional Affairs Office
- ◆ WWAMI TRACK
- A Areal Health Education Center (AHEC)
- W WWAMI Rural Integrated Training Experience (WRITE)
- T Targeted Rural and Underserved Track (TRUST)
- Rural Underserved Opportunities Program (RUOP)
- Required Clerkship Site
- Residency Rotation
- Residency Program
- Residency Programs
  - Fam - Family Medicine
  - IntMd - Internal Medicine
  - Peds - Pediatrics
  - Psych - Psychiatry
- Required Clerkship Sites
  - CC - Chronic Care
  - Emd - Emerg. Care
  - Fam - Family Medicine
  - IntMd - Internal Medicine
  - Neur - Neurology
  - Ob/G - Ob/Gyn
  - Peds - Pediatrics
  - Psych - Psychiatry
  - Surg - Surgery

## IDAHO WWAMI — A SNAPSHOT (2014–2015)

First-year Students per Year (6 seats committed to students in the Targeted Rural Underserved Track or TRUST)	35
Clinical Faculty	367
Required Clerkships/Communities	31/11
Students Completing Clerkships	91

## Idaho Physicians Provide Training Across the State

Idaho WWAMI has 31 required clerkships in 11 communities across the state. More than 90 students completed required and elective rotations at these sites in 2014–2015. A variety of programs, like TRUST (Targeted Rural Underserved Track), provide longitudinal clinical experiences in diverse locations — cities, small towns and rural areas.

Idaho WWAMI established TRUST in 2013. TRUST admits students with a specific interest in rural and underserved care and matches them to rural and underserved communities where they participate in longitudinal curricular activities during all four years of medical school.

## Idaho Residency Programs

One of the strongest predictors of where physicians choose to practice is where they complete residency training. Idaho has an excellent record for training and retaining residents for practice: 54 percent of active physicians who completed graduate medical education in Idaho work in Idaho, a ratio that ranks Idaho No. 9 in the nation for resident retention. The national state median is 44.4 percent.

RESIDENCY <i>Idaho-based, University of Washington-affiliated Programs</i>	NO. RESIDENTS PER YEAR
Family Medicine Residency of Idaho ( <i>established 1975</i> ) <i>(Three of 16 are in the Caldwell rural training track and two are in the Magic Valley rural training track)</i>	16
Idaho State University Family Medicine Residency <i>(established 1992)</i>	7
Kootenai Clinic Family Medicine Residency of Coeur d'Alene <i>(established 2014)</i>	6
RESIDENCY <i>University of Washington Programs</i>	NO. RESIDENTS PER YEAR
UW-Boise Internal Medicine Residency, Boise VA Medical Center <i>(established 2011, training site since 1977)</i>	8
UW Pediatric Residency, Pocatello ( <i>Children's clinic established 1972, Sandpoint Pediatrics established 2011</i> )	Two-month rotations
UW Psychiatry Residency ( <i>established 2006</i> ) <i>(completing first and second years in Seattle, Wash./completing third and fourth years in Boise, Idaho)</i>	4

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