

Chemawa Indian Health Center OHSU Rotation Information:



Image of the Chemawa Indian School

Background:

Chemawa Indian Health Center was founded in 1979 and is a Patient-Centered Primary Care Home that provides comprehensive family health care for federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native people and their descendants from over 100 tribes. The clinic also provides health services for the students at the Chemawa Indian School, which shares a neighboring campus. The integrated clinic contains several types of services for patients: Medical, Women's Health, Dental, Optometry, Pharmacy, Behavioral Health, Diabetes, Public Health Nursing, Lab, and Benefits Coordination (OHP Application, Veteran healthcare). You will be working primarily with Dr. Phillippe Champagne. Dr. Champagne completed his undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of Southern California. He thereafter completed a Master of Public Health and Internal Medicine/Pediatrics combined Residency at the University of California Los Angeles. You may also work with other physicians (such as Dr. Groenhout – Internal Medicine and Dr. Witherspoon – Family Medicine/Women's Health) and interact with advanced practice providers at the clinic. The clinic is about 45 minutes driving from Portland.

Your Role:

You will see patients ranging from adolescent to complex elderly patients. If you are interested, you can work with Dr. Witherspoon (Thursdays) during her women's health clinic (e.g. GYN exams, PAPs, contraceptive counseling, menopause management, etc.). You will see patients on your own and staff them with your attending, followed by a joint discussion with the patient and attending in the room. Many patients will get basic labs prior to a visit and the clinic same day lab and pharmacy capacity. Referrals will be placed by your attending and medications can be prescribed by you or the attending depending upon work flow. Typically your day will be 8am-5pm with a 1hr lunch from 12-1pm (there are picnic tables near the pharmacy that have signal to remote in to noon conferences over lunch. You may have some opportunity to pursue quality improvement projects if you see fit.

Helpful Resources:

- American Indian: Health and Nursing by Margaret Moss – available via OHSU Library
 - <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/ohsu/detail.action?docID=4206559>