Who We Are
The OHSU School of Medicine is a special place. We are a vibrant community of educators, students, scientists, clinicians and other health care professionals working side-by-side.
Over the last two decades, we have grown into a world-class leader in research, and our innovative clinical enterprise has also grown in size and stature. Yet we have been able to balance that extraordinary success with an enduring commitment to education. Our programs meet the immediate health care needs of Oregon and make a genuine difference in people’s lives.

One-third of all licensed Oregon physicians received all or part of their training at OHSU.

Our culture is uniquely collaborative and collegial, and we value and nurture an inclusive environment of diversity.
I invite you to explore the OHSU School of Medicine, where healing, teaching, discovery and service come together.

Mark A. Richardson, MD, MScB, MBA
Dean, OHSU School of Medicine
President, Faculty Practice Plan

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The Next Generation of Health Care Professionals

Since 1887, the OHSU School of Medicine has excelled in educating tomorrow’s health care professionals. Our faculty is dedicated to preparing a diverse group of physicians for the responsibilities of their calling, while also providing outstanding care to patients from Oregon and elsewhere. We rank among the top schools nationwide in primary care, rural medicine and family medicine. We are also widely recognized for creating new knowledge in a breadth of investigative areas from molecular biology to public health. We take special pride in training researchers for exciting careers in biomedicine and science.

MD Program

Our MD Program offers a four-year curriculum that balances the scientific basis of medicine with early clinical experience. We graduate physician-leaders who will pioneer the transformation of our state and nation’s health care systems. The current class size is 136 students, and more than 70 percent are Oregon residents. Our MD graduates are highly sought after with 90 percent obtaining one of their top three choices for post-graduate residency training and education.

Graduate Medical Education

Our training programs are offered in virtually all fields of medicine. The patient care and teaching programs take place at many sites, including OHSU and the Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center, under the direction and supervision of OHSU faculty. We have 76 accredited programs and more than 800 residents and fellows. About 53 percent of our residents and fellows remain in Oregon after completion of their training.

Graduate Studies Program

Our robust programs and cutting-edge research environment create a unique opportunity for graduate education. In our 29 graduate degree programs, which include a Physician Assistant program, we have about 650 graduate studies students; 240 are PhD candidates. Graduate students are taught and mentored by graduate faculty in a variety of academic, clinical and research units within the school and wider university.

Continuing Medical Education

Lifelong learning is essential to maintaining a qualified, up-to-date physician workforce. The courses offered by the Division of Continuing Medical Education reach more than 20,500 health care professionals each year.

One of the Nation’s Top Medical Schools for Biomedical Research

The School of Medicine’s 27 basic science and clinical departments, as well as numerous centers and institutes, are together awarded well over $200 million in research funding annually. Over the last decade in particular, our research programs have expanded tremendously, achieving eminence in many areas. Research at the School of Medicine attracts leading scientists and top students who share the drive to collaborate together as they explore the unknown and grow our knowledge base. Above all, the school is dedicated to rapidly translating those discoveries into better health.

“It’s an exciting time to be a faculty physician here. We’re integrally involved in helping Oregon lead the nation as it develops new health care delivery and patient care models. We’re in the vanguard shaping the future.”

– Jennifer DeVoe, MD, DPhil, associate professor, Department of Family Medicine

“I came here because of the unique, collaborative spirit I found in the faculty, and because this is the place to do something new, different and important in science.”

– Joe Gray, PhD*

* Gordon Moore professor and chairman of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, associate director of Translational Research in the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute, director of the OHSU Center for Spatial Systems Biomedicine

Advancing Health Care, Service to Others

The School of Medicine is home to the OHSU Faculty Practice Plan, the largest physician group in Oregon. Our faculty physicians care for more than 200,000 patients every year; many patients are among the most ill, vulnerable and underserved.

Not only do we provide outstanding patient-centered care, but we are in the vanguard of developing innovative health care models that serve our local communities. Together with others at OHSU, we partner in more than 200 community service programs.

By the Numbers: OHSU School of Medicine

These figures are representative of the school in a typical year.

- 1,850 primary faculty
- 7: basic science departments
- 20: clinical departments
- #3: rank of primary care education nationally by U.S. News & World Report
- #6: rank of Physician Assistant program nationally by U.S. News & World Report
- #11: rank nationwide for meeting social mission by Annals of Internal Medicine
- 50 percent, MD grads who choose primary care
- 46 percent, MD grads who practice in Oregon
- 1/3: number of total Oregon licensed physicians receiving all or part of their education at OHSU
- 17,000: alumni community