

# **Fellowship Programs in Urgent Care Medicine**

Physicians Immediate Care, Ltd.  
and  
Department of Family and Community Medicine,  
University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford  
Rockford, Illinois

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## **Urgent Care Fellowship**

### **University of Illinois/Physicians Immediate Care**

The College of Medicine at Rockford's Department of Family and Community Medicine and Physicians Immediate Care, Ltd, working with the Urgent Care Association of America created an innovative fellowship. Physicians Immediate Care is a nine-clinic, multi-state network of Urgent Care Centers, serving Rockford since 1987. The College of Medicine has three primary care clinics, a family medicine center and a women's and children's health center in the greater Rockford area

The Fellowship will combine a longitudinal experience in urgent care at Physicians Immediate Care sites along with specialty rotations (Orthopedics, Radiology, Trauma Care, Occupational and Environmental Medicine, Adult and Pediatric Emergencies and Disposition Management). The didactic component includes lectures from University of Illinois Faculty who practice as Urgent Care Physicians or as medical specialists, and there will be an opportunity to work more independently in University of Illinois's after-hours walk-in clinic.

It is estimated that over 150,000 to 200,000 patient visits are provided in the urgent care setting each year. There are approximately 8,700 centers across the United States with 200 new clinics emerging each year. This fellowship provides the opportunity for family medicine residents to be formally trained in this 12-month program in preparation for providing urgent care and occupational medicine to the community.

The director for this Fellowship in Urgent Care Medicine is Dr. Terry Buzzard, co-owner and Medical Director of Physicians Immediate Care. Dr. Buzzard will be working in close collaboration with the College of Medicine's Family Medicine Residency Program Director, Dr. Farion Williams.

Interested parties and other inquiries should be directed to Brett Ruiz, University of Illinois at Rockford, by e-mail [brettr@uic.edu](mailto:brettr@uic.edu).

Please note: This is not a J-1 Visa opportunity.

## URGENT CARE FELLOWSHIP

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Physicians Immediate Care;  
Urgent Care Association of America

**TITLE:** Fellowship in Urgent Care Medicine

**DESCRIPTION:** A one year post-graduate training program in Urgent Care Medicine

**FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR:** Terry Buzzard, MD  
Owner/Medical Director Physicians Immediate Care  
Faculty, University of Illinois

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Family and Community Medicine  
University of Illinois at Rockford

**DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN:** Eric Henley, MD, MPH  
Associate Professor and Head  
Department of Family and Community Medicine

**STATUS:** Non-ACGME-Accredited Program

**ELIGIBILITY:** Graduates of Accredited Residencies in:

- Family Medicine

**LENGTH OF TRAINING:** One year (12 months)

**SIZE OF FELLOWSHIP:** One Urgent Care Fellow this academic year

**FELLOWSHIP START DATE:** August 1<sup>st</sup> of each academic year

### URGENT CARE FELLOWSHIP MISSION

To provide a supply of formally trained physicians capable of performing at the highest levels of clinical competency and efficiency necessary for success in an urgent care setting.

## 2011-2012 URGENT CARE FELLOWSHIP CURRICULUM

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### Specialty Block Experiences:

- 6 weeks Orthopedics
- 4 weeks ENT
- 4 weeks Dermatology
- 4 weeks Radiology
- 4 weeks Occupational Medicine
- 6 weeks Emergency Medicine (Core Rotation)
- 6 weeks Pediatric Emergency Medicine (Core Rotation)
- 2 weeks Ophthalmology
- 2 weeks Podiatry
- 4 weeks Cardiology
- 3 weeks Elective
- 2 weeks Plastics
- 2 weeks Practice Management
- 4 weeks Vacation

### Longitudinal Curriculum:

- Urgent Care Medicine
- Core Internal Medicine
- Women's Health
- Pediatrics

### Curriculum Breakdown:

- 20 – 30 hours per week at Physicians Immediate Care during all rotations
- 20 – 30 hours per week in specialty clinics
- Average 3 – 4 hours per week (sole practitioner) in U of I After-Hours Walk-in Clinic

### Didactic / Procedural workshops:

- Involve core topics in Urgent Care Medicine
- Coordinated by Fellowship Director

### Evaluation Methods:

- Multiple evaluation tools
  - Chart review, Rotational Evaluation, Observation-Precepting, Procedural/Case Logs, etc.
- ACGME Six Core Competencies are the basis for global evaluation

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