

## Courses

### **PCMED 745: Indian Health Services sites**

The Indian Health Service ([www.ihs.gov](http://www.ihs.gov)) is an agency within the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

The mission of the HIS, in partnership with American Indian and Alaska Native people, is to raise their physical, mental, social, and spiritual health to the highest level. The goal is to ensure that comprehensive, culturally acceptable, personal and public health services are available and accessible to all American Indian and Alaska Native people.

The foundation of the Indian Health Service is to uphold the Federal Government's obligation to promote health Indian people, communities, and cultures and to honor and protect the inherent sovereign rights of Tribes. It is charged with providing direct medical care in the broadest sense, elevating their health status to highest level possible.

The HIS has around 15,000 employees and Tribes probably employ about an equal number of tribal employees. Over 70% are Indian or Alaska Natives. There are about 1,000 physician positions in the system, about half of whom are primary care physicians. As of July 2009, 21% of the physician positions were vacant.

The following list represents primary care electives that are expected to be a bit more challenging to arrange, yet potentially more rewarding, than others in community-based sites. For many medical students, doing an elective far away from the relative "safety" of a medical center or a well-known practice site carries with it the risk of the unknown. However, it is only in taking some risk that true rewards are often realized, and so medical students are encouraged to pursue a possible elective at a site other than in the traditional places!

Students may not be aware of the variety of opportunities available within the Indian Health Service. (HIS).

The following list represents primary care electives that are expected to be a more challenging to arrange, yet potentially more rewarding, than others in community-based sites. The sites listed are only suggestions - the committee is open to other sites if a student can identify an experience that fulfills the criteria of the Primary Care Elective.

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