

On behalf of the Department of Medical Education, our more than 120 clinical faculty members, 150 residents and fellows, medical students, and generations of alumni, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Kern Medical.

For 70 years, Kern Medical has proudly trained physicians to serve our community and advance the practice of medicine. As the region's premier academic medical center and tertiary referral hospital, we provide exceptional care to patients throughout the southern San Joaquin Valley. More importantly, as Kern County's public safety-net hospital, we are deeply committed to caring for our community's most vulnerable populations.

Today, Kern Medical sponsors seven ACGME-accredited residency programs and four fellowship programs, with additional programs under development. Our learners benefit from the breadth and complexity of a diverse clinical learning environment, strong faculty mentorship, and meaningful opportunities in education, research, quality improvement, and service.

Our trainees care for patients across our hospital and network of outpatient clinics. They gain experience at one of California's busiest trauma centers, work alongside specialists at our nationally recognized Valley Fever Institute, and develop their clinical and teamwork skills in our advanced Simulation Center. These experiences prepare our graduates to excel in academic medicine, private practice, fellowship training, and healthcare leadership.

At Kern Medical, you will join a close-knit academic community whose faculty are genuinely invested in your growth, professional identity, and well-being. We are proud of the accomplishments of our graduates, many of whom have become department chairs, program directors, academic faculty, researchers, and leaders in their communities. We are especially proud that many choose to remain in Kern County and continue serving the community in which they trained.

This is an exciting time to join Kern Medical. We continue to expand our educational programs, recruit outstanding faculty, strengthen our academic partnerships, and create new opportunities for our learners. Although our institution has a long and distinguished history, our focus remains firmly on the future.

Thank you for considering Kern Medical for the next stage of your professional journey. We invite you to learn more about our programs, meet our faculty and trainees, and discover what makes our institution such a special place to learn, serve, and grow.

We look forward to welcoming you to Kern Medical.