IDAHO WWAMI UPDATE
IDAHO’S MEDICAL SCHOOL FOR 45 YEARS

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Physician Pipeline

K-12

College (4 years)

Medical School (4 years)

Residency/Fellowship (3-7 years)

Practicing Physician
Idaho ranks #48 in US for practicing physicians per 100K population

Idaho has 180.7 practicing physicians per 100K population

US average is 225.6 practicing physicians per 100K population

27% of Idaho’s practicing physicians are over age 60 years
Idaho State Board of Education
Medical Education Subcommittee

Top 2 priorities in 2009 recommendations

• Expand the development of residency programs (GME) in Idaho
• Increase WWAMI class size from 20 to 40 students per year
Quality and Impact of WWAMI

• #1 ranked medical school for primary care, family medicine, and rural medicine according to US News and World Report 2017 rankings
• 51% Retention Rate for Idaho graduates
• 75% Return on Investment for WWAMI graduates
• More than 2/3 of state appropriations spent in Idaho
• For each dollar invested in WWAMI, Idaho gets $5.10 back into the state economy
51% of all Idaho WWAMI graduates have returned to practice medicine in Idaho. With additional non-Idaho WWAMI graduates who set up practice in Idaho, the State’s Return on Investment is 75%.
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Scientific Foundations Phase
Idaho WWAMI Community Preceptors
TRUST
Targeted Rural Underserved Track

• Selects Idaho students with rural/underserved background, experiences and interest
• Matches one Idaho student with one rural/underserved community in Idaho
• Prepares students for residencies in primary care and rural/underserved practice
Idaho’s GME (residencies) in 2017

Family medicine:
• Boise (16 per year)
• Pocatello (7 per year)
• Coeur d’Alene (6 per year)

Internal Medicine
• Boise (9 per year)

Psychiatry
• Boise (4 per year)
Idaho ranks #47 in US for the total number of residency positions per 100K population.

Idaho has 6.4 total residency positions per 100K.

National average is 22.2 total residency positions per 100K.
Idaho ranks #9 in the US for residency (GME) retention

54% of physicians who do residency within Idaho stay in Idaho to practice

US average residency retention: 44.4%
Idaho ranks #2 in the US for increase in total numbers of residency positions from 2004-2014. A 150% increase in total Idaho positions (US average 18.9%).

Idaho Residency (GME)

**Take Home Points**

- Idaho has a physician workforce shortage
- Idaho has an aging physician workforce
- Idaho needs:
  - more residency positions
  - more types of residencies (general surgery, etc.)
- If you complete residency in Idaho, there is a high likelihood you will stay and practice in Idaho
- Residencies are a wise investment for Idaho
THANK YOU!
Questions?

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