



Office of International Affairs

Clinical Rotation in Miami, FL: what to expect?

Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine works in affiliation with community hospitals. We are a community focused medical education institution. The medical training students receive, occurs at a variety of public and private inpatient and outpatient clinical settings, emphasizing the importance of the doctor-patient relationship in diverse patient populations.

Miami-Dade County, with 28 hospitals and more than 32,000 licensed healthcare professionals, has the state's largest concentration of medical facilities. Hundreds of thousands of residents take part in a wide variety of county programs including emergency assistance, mental health care, substance abuse treatment and prevention, homeless shelter, veteran services, and other traditional social services.

Inpatient vs Outpatient

Moving patient care from inpatient to outpatient settings is a transformative trend for US hospitals. Inpatient and outpatient are terms used to describe care or facilities available to patients. Some medical facilities, like hospitals, may offer both types of care, depending upon the needs of the persons involved. Outpatient care refers to services offered to an individual that does not involve an overnight stay in a medical facility. The typical visit to a doctor's office is outpatient, but so is a surgery in a hospital where the patient returns home the same day. An inpatient is a patient who must be hospitalized for at least one night in order to receive medical treatment. Inpatients are often in the hospital for surgical procedures, or for monitoring after accidents or serious medical events, which compromised their health in some way.

Demographics

Miami is the second-largest city in Florida, it is located in the southeast part of the state. Based on the 2010 Census, the racial/ethnic breakdown of Miami is:

- o Hispanic: 60.7%
- o White: 11.9 %
- o Black or African American: 19.2%
- o Asian: 1.0%
- o Native American: 0.3%
- o Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian: 0%
- o Two or more races: 2.7%
- o Other race: 4.2%

66.76% of residents speak Spanish.

There are translations applications, that can be downloaded to your smartphone or tablets, which may be helpful to you. The "Google Translate" app is one of them and have worked very well.

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