

Why Choose St. Luke's?



The attendings. They are wonderful teachers and friends. They care about you learning, your wellbeing, and become your friend and mentor. Bethlehem was a great place to live for residency. Great food, friendly people, and plenty to do.—W. Bogart, 2017

The best thing about being an emergency medicine resident at St. Luke's in my mind was that I felt like I was part of a family there. Everyone seemed to look out for everyone and I loved that. And that was not just limited to the ED. I felt there was, for the most part, a large amount of camaraderie and collegiality between the ED and other services. Further, I felt that I had a large amount of autonomy to do things the way I wanted but always had my attendings as a safety net to run things by when I needed it.—J. Longenbach, 2020

There are many amazing things about Emergency Medicine at St. Luke's. The work environment is incredibly collegial. We have a great relationship with the attendings. On-shift teaching is very strong and faculty members have a variety of practice styles. Patient acuity is high and the patient population is very diverse. Our experience on ICU rotations really adds to our procedural experience and comfort with managing the most critical patients. Finally, Dr. Melanson is an exemplary PD and a true resident advocate.—M. Grimaldi.

When I was looking at Residencies, I wanted a program that was good for my family. To me that meant a program that would give an education similar to what I would find in a big city without having to live downtown in that big city. That's one of the things that makes this program so special. The Lehigh Valley has a population of 1 million people and therefore the cases you will see at St Luke's are the same that you would see in any big city, but I was able to live in a township 20 minutes away from the hospital that was out in the country. I chose this area because it had the best schools for my school age daughter. I came to residency with 2 children and left with 4. Living in a cramped apartment walkup in the middle of a city was not sustainable for my family. —K. Norman, 2019

After being out for four years, worked in three different large health systems, and interviewed at over a dozen (academic) systems post residency I can confidently say that your experience at St Luke's will be unmatched. It's a level one academic trauma center in a diverse community setting. More importantly, the culture of the system gives you as much freedom as you want or need with FRIENDLY help immediately available. You can call anyone in the system and the consultants, faculty, and support staff are extremely helpful and reasonable. I loved my experience at St Luke's and you will be prepared to work in any setting you desire after residency.—S. Zwiebel, 2017

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The people. Both within the program and throughout the St. Luke's network everyone is playing on the same team. Everyone is ready to teach you and help you through difficult problems. It is the friendliest hospital I've ever worked at. The curriculum is excellent. Dr. Melanson and the core faculty focus on finding the most high yield rotations and lectures. They are very responsive to feedback and willing to try new things if you have a good idea or simply don't like how something is being done. —J. Smoot, 2019

The quality of training was absolutely top notch. We had great teachers and mentors that cared about our education and about us personally. The residency took great care to make sure that we were able to maintain a proper work/life balance and this led to great comradery among fellow residents. —J. Phelps, 2017