Northern Navajo Medical Center
Shiprock, New Mexico
Navajo Area Indian Health Service
Northern Navajo Medical Center is located in the Four Corners Area of the United States where New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Utah meet.
Northern Navajo Medical Center is one of five facilities located within the Shiprock Service Unit. The Shiprock Service Unit is the largest service unit of the Navajo Nation.
Approximately 80,837 Native Americans (mostly Navajo) are enrolled at Northern Navajo Medical Center. The inpatient load is 29 per day and the outpatient volume averages 600 per day.
A variety of services are available including internal medicine, family practice, urgent and emergency care, pediatrics, general surgery, women’s health, mental health, respiratory therapy, outpatient rehabilitation services, pharmacy, optometry, dental, public health nursing, social services, health promotion/disease prevention, radiology, laboratory and benefits coordination.
Northern Navajo Medical Center employs approximately 827 full-time employees. The medical staff consists of 50 physicians and 20 mid-level providers. Some staff live in Indian Health Service housing and others reside in private homes in surrounding towns like Farmington, NM and Cortez, CO.
Northern Navajo Medical Center’s staff work with a variety of other facilities both locally and nationally. Specialists are consulted both within the IHS system, as well as outside our system. We have strong relationships with providers in the Four Corners region, as well as at University of New Mexico, and the Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, MA.
There are endless opportunities for continuing education at Northern Navajo Medical Center. Grand Rounds, Journal Clubs, Tumor Conference, and Morbidity & Mortality are offered regularly on-site at NNMC. Local speakers, as well as state and national presenters share the latest information in their field of expertise. Both live and videoconferencing formats are utilized.
There are many opportunities for getting involved in the community. Within Shiprock there are rodeos, powwows, classes at the local community college, the Northern Navajo Nation Fair and the Shiprock Marathon.
Nearby are opportunities that include fishing, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and alpine skiing. Telluride, Durango, Canyonlands, Grand Gulch, the Colorado River, the San Juan River, several large lakes, and the Colorado Wilderness areas are just short drives away.
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