



UW School of Medicine Welcomes Dr. Robert M. Monger as the New Wyoming WWAMI Assistant Dean for Clinical Medical Education

April 6, 2020 (Cheyenne, WY) -- Robert Monger, M.D., F.A.C.P., has been named the new clinical dean for Wyoming WWAMI. He is succeeding Dr. Larry Kirven and will begin on August 1, 2020. Dr. Kirven will continue working with the WRITE program (WWAMI Rural Integrated Training Experience) across the WWAMI region.

Dr. Monger, raised in Cheyenne, WY, is an internist with the Cheyenne Regional Medical Group. He has been active in medical education for more than 20 years, and specifically with the UW School of Medicine (UWSOM) since the mid-2000s. He currently serves as an instructor/lecturer for UWSOM's Wyoming WWAMI Foundations curriculum. In the past he has been a UWSOM clerkship director, and a clinical preceptor for UWSOM's Rural/Underserved Opportunities Program (RUOP). Dr. Monger is also currently a member of the Wyoming Medical Society-WWAMI Advisory Committee and is a former chair of UWSOM's Wyoming WWAMI Medical School Admissions Committee.



Dr. Robert M. Monger

"We are excited to have Dr. Monger join us as the new Wyoming WWAMI Assistant Clinical Dean," said Dr. Suzanne Allen, Vice Dean for Academic, Rural and Regional Affairs for the UW School of Medicine. "Dr. Monger has been an integral part of Wyoming WWAMI for a number of years and we anticipate a seamless transition from Dr. Kirven to Dr. Monger."

A 1984 graduate of East High School in Cheyenne, Dr. Monger went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology (Cum Laude) from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, SD in 1988, and in 1992, a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Utah School of Medicine in Salt Lake City, UT. Dr. Monger's post-graduate training includes an internal medicine residency at the Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI, and a rheumatology fellowship at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver, CO.

Dr. Monger has served various leadership roles throughout his medical career, most notably as the current Governor for the American College of Physicians, Wyoming Chapter, and the former President of the Wyoming Medical Society. Dr. Monger is also Editor in Chief of Wyoming Medicine Magazine, a position he has held since 2009.

"I'm very excited about my new position and the opportunity to help advance medical education in Wyoming," said Dr. Monger. "The 25-year partnership between the University of Washington, the University of Wyoming and the state of Wyoming is of great benefit to the state--helping train Wyoming doctors for Wyoming--and I feel fortunate to have been given a larger role in the education of our future physicians."

In his spare time Dr. Monger enjoys travel, hiking, biking and skiing throughout beautiful Wyoming.

About the UW School of Medicine and WWAMI

The University of Washington School of Medicine (UWSOM), founded in 1946, is a public medical school for a five-state region--Washington (Seattle and Spokane), Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho—known as WWAMI. Its faculty conducts basic and clinical research, cares for patients and trains new physicians, biomedical scientists and allied health professionals. WWAMI is a national model for community-based training of physicians for rural areas and for other populations lacking adequate medical services. The medical school is ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top medical schools for primary-care education and family medicine training. It is also the nation's #1 public university for receiving National Institutes of Health funding and receives more than \$1 billion each year in total research funding.

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