A multidisciplinary referral-based Diabetes Clinic within a resident primary care teaching clinic had a positive impact on the overall educational experience of internal medicine residents.

Pre-clinic didactics were extremely helpful in expanding my knowledge base regarding insulin management as well as oral hypoglycemic agents. Seeing patients in clinic, even just a few, showed me an entirely different level of complexity of diabetes that can be managed in primary care. I gained a better understanding of psychosocial factors affecting diabetes, how crucial our pharmacy and nutrition colleagues are in helping manage diabetes, and how to assess ASCVD risk scores and other preventive health measures (i.e. immunizations) specific to diabetes.

I think some sessions on counseling on starting new medications could be helpful, [and] maybe working with a nutritionist for a day to see how they counsel patients and going over how to work insulin pens and other injectables would be really helpful and fun.