



HELP WANTED: RECRUITING TIME IN FORT MYERS

This fall will be a busy season for Gary Goforth, director of the College of Medicine's new family medicine residency program at Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers. The program achieved full accreditation status during a May meeting of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Goforth's attention now turns from building a patient base and consulting on the construction of new clinical facilities to the part he has been anticipating: recruiting the first class of residents.

The residency program will be conducting its first interviews toward bringing in a class of six interns, to be announced on Match Day in March.

The program will be the first approved by the ACGME in Southwest Florida, among the fastest-growing regions of the state. The population in Lee County grew by 40 percent from 2000 to 2010.

▲ Gary Goforth with a patient at the Family Medicine Clinic at Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers.