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## Central Florida hospitals get piece of \$80M to train new doctors



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**Florida Agency for Health Care Administration** Secretary [Liz Dudek](#) was in Orlando Oct. 7 to promote a new funding mechanism to pump \$80 million in to train doctors in Florida.

The program is called graduate medical education and it's the training doctors get after medical school to refine their training, better known as residency.

Locally, Central Florida is getting \$7.9 million of the \$80 million pie: **Florida Hospital** is getting \$3.2 million, and **Orlando Regional Medical Center** is getting an additional \$4.7 million.

Funding for graduate medical education is important, as it's the biggest predictor of where doctors will practice medicine.

"Florida is a good place to live, there's no reason to leave," said Dr. [Patricio Bruno](#), program director for Florida Hospital East Orlando Family Medical Residency program. "Basically, you home-grow your residents."

Dr. [Jeff Chiu](#), a fifth-year general surgery resident at Florida Hospital. Chiu was born in a Florida Hospital facility, grew up in Lake Mary and plans to stay in Central Florida long term.

Even his son will be born in a Florida Hospital facility.

"There's no place like home," Chiu said.

Check out the video to see Dudek talk about the economic impacts of the new program, and if it could grow in the future.

Click here for an earlier *Orlando Business Journal* story [detailing the problem](#), and some potential solutions, which [included boosting graduate medical education funding form the state](#).

Those stories focused on one **University of Central Florida** graduate, Briana Gapsis, [who is leaving Florida to attend a residency program in ophthalmology](#).

The University of Central Florida is also [starting an internal medicine residency program in 2014](#).