

Large medical research facility opens in Fort Lauderdale



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Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale has opened the **Center for Collaborative Research**. The 215,000-square-foot, six-story facility has wet and dry labs. It is located next to the university's Health Professions Division. Also, **HCA** East Florida is building a hospital on campus, "providing opportunities to even further integrate research and clinical trials," the university said.

Places

Central Florida Family Health Center, Health Care Center For the Homeless, and Community Health Centers were among 46 health centers in Florida to receive federal grants to upgrade their electronic health systems.

Florida Hospital Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation is opening two new locations in **Winter Garden** and **Waterford Lakes**. The Winter Garden location is already open and the Waterford Location will start accepting patients Oct. 17. Earlier this year, Florida passed a law that allows patients to directly access physical therapists for 30 days without a doctor's prescription.

Florida Hospital Apopka held its topping out ceremony Sept. 16. It is expected to open next fall.

Greater Orlando American Heart Association donated 3,000 Infant CPR Anytime kits to Florida Hospital for Children, Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women & Babies, and Nemours Children's Hospital to train parents of babies in neonatal intensive care units.

People

Dr. J. Matthew Knight, founder of Knight Dermatology Institute in Orlando, met last week with Florida legislators in Washington, D.C., to discuss health-care issues affecting physicians and patients in Central Florida. He asked for delayed implementation of MACRA rules from CMS to allow for a transition period — especially for doctors in small practices. Knight also discussed the increase in medication prices and asked for support for passage of the "21st Century Cures Act."

Dr. Marcia Katz of Baylor College of Medicine is joining the UCF medical school as Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs. The school also promoted **Dr. Diane Davey** was to Associate Dean for Graduate Medical

Education and **Dr. Jane Gibson** to the Chair of Clinical Sciences.

Dr. Alric Simmonds, a general surgeon at Florida Hospital and faculty at UCF and **FSU** medical schools, was awarded FSU's Keeper of the Mission Faculty Council Award for his efforts to increase the local physician diversity.

Maria Sastre, president and COO of Signature Flight Support Corporation of Orlando, was elected to serve on the GuideWell Board of Directors.

Etc.

Central Florida Medical Reserve Corps, a team of health-care professionals who volunteer during emergencies and disasters in Brevard, Orange, Osceola and Seminole counties, is seeking medical and non-medical volunteers. Visit servfl.com.

The Jewish Pavilion is holding its fall festival fundraiser at Cranes' Roost Park on Oct. 23 featuring a Beatles tribute band. All proceeds benefit Orlando's elder community. Visit jewishpavilion.org.

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