

New Lee Memorial Health System residency program attracts 800 applicants

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More than 800 doctors in training have applied to Lee Memorial Health System family medicine residency program that gets fully under way next year, the health system announced this morning.

“I am extremely pleased with the quality of our applicants and the level of interest we are getting,” said program director Dr. Gary Goforth in a prepared comment. “I do not recall receiving this many applications initially in the four residency programs I served prior.”

The health system is now scheduling interviews and will accept applications through Feb. 1.

The program, a collaboration with the Florida State University College of Medicine, aims to increase the number of family practice physicians in Southwest Florida.

Studies show that doctors tend to practice near the communities in which they train.