

New Program Targets Shortage of ER Physicians

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The Florida State University College of Medicine and Sarasota Memorial Health Care System have received approval to launch a new Emergency Medicine residency program to meet health-care and physician workforce

needs in Sarasota and surrounding communities. The new Emergency Medicine residency program and an Internal Medicine residency program FSU and SMH started last year are critical to addressing physician shortages in our region, said SMH CEO David Verinder. Statewide studies continue to show that the supply of primary care and emergency doctors in our region is critically below our residents' needs. Medical school graduates are required to complete residency training in their chosen specialty in order to gain board certification and become an independently practicing physician. Numerous studies have shown that most physicians end up practicing near where they completed residency training. The approval clears the way for SMH and FSU to begin reaching out to graduating medical students interested in enrolling in the specialty program in the summer of 2019.

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