

PRESS RELEASE

FSU Establishes Regional Medical School Campus – Tallahassee

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla., -- The Florida State University College of Medicine has established its Regional Medical School Campus – Tallahassee, which includes multiple clinical training sites in Tallahassee, as well as sites in Perry and Marianna.

College of Medicine Dean Joseph Scherger today announced that Dr. Eugene Trowers has been appointed assistant dean for the new regional campus. Trowers will oversee the third- and fourth-year clinical education of those students assigned to Tallahassee. FSU also has regional medical school campuses in Pensacola and Orlando.

Doctors' Memorial Hospital in Perry and Jackson Hospital in Marianna are the latest medical facilities to sign affiliation agreements that allow Florida State University's third- and fourth-year medical students to train with their physicians. Capital Health Plan and Tallahassee Community Hospital earlier signed similar agreements.

Representatives of each facility were on the FSU campus today to tour the medical school and meet the six students who will begin clinical rotations at their facilities in July of next year.

"It gives us great pleasure to welcome our affiliates," Scherger said. "They all have excellent facilities and top-notch doctors, and we know they will provide wonderful learning opportunities for our students."

Practicing physicians at the college's affiliated institutions and in doctors' offices throughout the region will train students in each of eight clinical areas – family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, surgery, obstetrics-gynecology, geriatrics, psychiatry, and emergency medicine.

Trowers comes to FSU from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, where he served as the assistant program director for the gastroenterology fellowship program.

"The medical community in this area seems to be very enthusiastic about the opportunity to become involved in teaching our students," Trowers said. "I've been impressed with the quality of the physicians I've met here, as well as the quality of the area's medical institutions."

Doctors' Memorial Hospital and Tallahassee Community Hospital are in the process of building new hospitals, both of which will be open by the time FSU's medical students arrive next summer.

With the addition of Doctors' Memorial Hospital and Jackson Hospital, FSU now has affiliation agreements with eight hospitals and hospital systems in northern and central Florida.