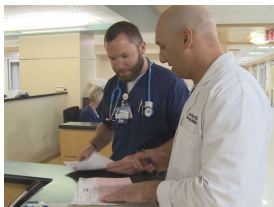


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Sarasota, Florida -- Florida's growing pains as the third most populated state in the country are being felt in its hospitals as they prepare for a shortage of doctors.

Hospital administrators say too many specialists and not enough residency programs are part of the problem.

"Primary care physicians have been the work horse and that's what we need," says Dr. Stephen Taylor, chief of Medical Operations at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

Population growth studies show Sarasota and Manatee County combined will see an average of 11,000 new residents each year through 2020.



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Hospitals like Sarasota Memorial are trying to fill this growing void of primary care doctors, especially in rural areas and for the elderly.

"Medical staff is aging just like the population is aging. We need talent to replace these physicians nearing retirement," Taylor says.

Finding that talent is a challenge. A recent study by Teaching and Safety-net Hospitals shows that by 2025, Florida will be short 7,000 doctors if more residency programs are not created.

[Click here to read the study on doctor shortage.](#)

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John Fogarty, the dean for FSU's College of Medicine says 2/3 of its med students do their residency programs out of state. Florida ranks 42nd nationally in percentage of medical students.

"We are now graduating more students in the state of Florida than we have first year seats in a residency program," says Fogarty.

To head off this problem Sarasota Memorial is partnering with FSU to start a 3-year-long residency program for 30 doctors in internal medicine by 2017. The hospital will start with 10 first-year students and possibly five second-year students and work up to 30 full-time residents by the third-year, says Fogarty.

FSU opened its College of Medicine in Sarasota in 2005.

Taylor says SMH doctors are interested in educating young physicians and the residency program will help with recruitment.

"This helps us take a look at the best of the best. We can recruit residents who want to stay in the area," says Taylor.

Fogarty adds, "There's about an 80% chance if one goes through medical school and does their residency in Florida you'll be a Florida physician."

Taylor says providing its medical students a residency program is a win-win for patients too.

"Everybody at the hospital has to be a bit sharper [and] have to read up because residents will always be reading up to stay current," he says.

Sarasota's physician training program is the seventh residency program sponsored by FSU. Dean Fogarty says the school is working with two more hospitals across the state to start its own residency program.

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