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TMH residency grads choose to practice locally

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Residents enrolled in the Tallahassee Memorial Family Medicine Residency Program graduated last week. Many of these graduates have found jobs locally and are staying in Tallahassee.

Of the 11 graduates of the program, 10 are from the residency program and one is from a fourth-year fellowship in HIV medicine. Of these, five will stay in Tallahassee and an additional two will stay in the state of Florida.

There is a shortage of primary care physicians in the United States. Medical News Today online reports that the number of doctors specializing in this field has dropped 51.8 percent since 1997. This has implications for people over 65 who average six doctor visits per year, according to *Physicians Practice Journal* online.

"Tallahassee benefits greatly when this many graduates choose to stay here to practice," says **Donald A. Zorn, M.D.**, director of the Family Medicine Residency Program. "The class of 2010 is another outstanding group of young physicians. While we are very proud of each of them, we are especially happy when many choose to serve Tallahassee and our area."

The Family Medicine Residency program at TMH provides additional medical training to physicians who have chosen the specialty of family medicine. This program functions as a primary care physician practice. Its mission statement is "to provide outstanding training for Family Medicine Residents while providing excellent patient care in an atmosphere of mutual support and trust."

Including this class, the program has now had 301 graduates since 1973, with 97 staying in Tallahassee and 180 in Florida.

The residents leaving for a wide variety of career opportunities are **Robin Albritton, M.D., Garrett Chumney, M.D., Terreze Gamble, M.D., Narayanan Krishnamoorthy, M.D., Samantha McKay, M.D., Claudia Perdei, M.D., Rodrigo Pereira, M.D., Josef Plum, M.D., Shelley Sandiford, M.D., Brandy Willis, M.D.** and **Tara Workman, M.D.**
