



### **FSU College of Medicine to receive grant for health research network**

Working with partners statewide, the Florida State University College of Medicine is preparing to significantly expand the body of knowledge physicians have available in caring for their patients, including more than a million residents of the Big Bend region and South Georgia.

The College of Medicine on Tuesday received notice of a \$1.5 million grant to help establish a statewide research network of community-based health-care providers and their patients in order to conduct comparative effectiveness research. The grant represents a portion of \$7.9 million awarded to the OneFlorida Clinical Research Consortium by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), an independent non-profit, nongovernmental organization located in Washington, D.C.

“This type of research is designed to help health-care providers make better treatment and care decisions for their patients by providing scientific evidence on the effectiveness and benefits of various interventions,” said Myra Hurt, senior associate dean for research and graduate programs at the College of Medicine.

The three-year grant will help OneFlorida establish a network that will include 914 clinic/practice settings, 4,100 physicians, 22 hospitals and 13 million patients, or 68 percent of all Floridians.

The FSU College of Medicine’s partners include the FSU College of Communication and Information, Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, Capital Health Plan, Florida Hospital in Orlando and Orlando Health. In addition, the College of Medicine will be able to involve the majority of the 2,500 physicians statewide who teach FSU medical students.

By developing a broad and inclusive network, the College of Medicine will be able to help physicians gain access to data more representative of the state’s population.

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