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FSU and Sarasota Memorial announce physician training

The Florida State University College of Medicine and Sarasota Memorial Health Care System last week unveiled plans to create an internal medicine residency program in Sarasota.

The program, expected to produce as many as 10 new internal medicine physicians a year when at full capacity, will be the first allopathic residency program between St. Petersburg and Fort Myers along Florida's southwest coast. The area is in need of more physicians to take care of a population that grew by 20,000 people between 2010 and 2014 and is home to more than 100,000 residents age 65 and older.

rolder: "Ten years ago we brought medical education to Sarasota in a community-based approach that is the foundation for how we teach our medical students," said John P. Fogarty, M.D., dean of the College of Medicine. "This year we are celebrating the 10th anniversary of our Sarasota Regional Campus. During this time we've built relationships throughout the local medical community, and the one we've developed with Sarasota Memorial has led us to this important next step." The residency program will be based at Sarasota Memorial Hospital with the Florida State University College of Medicine as its institutional sponsor.

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