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# NY doctor to lead TMH residency program

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Dr. Gregory Todd

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Florida State University has selected a physician who previously practiced law to take over its proposed internal medicine residency program at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare.

Dr. Gregory Todd, senior associate program director of the Department of Medicine & Internal Medicine Residency Program at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., is expected to arrive in Tallahassee in May — one month before the first medical school graduates arrive to begin their residency.

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The new residency program at TMH is FSU's first locally. TMH also houses a family practice residency program.

The new internal medicine residency program, still awaiting official approval, is expected to start with 12-20 doctors and grow into a 36-physician training ground when at full strength.

There are 96 residents in Todd's program in New York, almost triple what FSU is planning to train at TMH.

"It's one-to-one at the simplest level. You teach each resident. The opportunity to start a program and get one going is really exciting," Todd said during a Tuesday telephone interview.

Todd, 55, is a native of Kentucky and earned his law degree at the University of Dayton. He attended medical school in the West Indies.

Dr. John Fogarty, dean of FSU's College of Medicine, believes Todd's dual training will serve him — and FSU — well.

"His background and experience both in law and academic medicine will be a significant help to us in navigating the regulatory rules for developing this new program," Fogarty said. "We feel fortunate to have recruited such an outstanding physician."

Todd is expected to work closely with FSU and TMH as it completes the necessary paperwork to be able to start the residency program this year.

"(Hiring Todd) is a huge step," said Mark O'Bryant, president and CEO of TMH. "We really couldn't move forward with the residency program until we had dedicated, full-time leadership in place."

Dr. Dean Watson, chief medical officer at TMH, had been interim director for the residency program during its initial start-up phase.

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