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UPH Hospital Expands Medical Residency Programs

TUCSON, Ariz. (February 15, 2011) – University Physicians Hospital, in collaboration with The University of Arizona, is expanding two of its Graduate Medical Education residency programs. UPH Hospital has been approved to add six resident physicians each to its internal medicine and family medicine programs. The hospital’s residency programs are part of The University of Arizona and UPH Hospital Graduate Medical Education Consortium. The programs focus on rural and underserved areas of Arizona and are designed to help alleviate the physician shortage in Arizona by attracting and training doctors in Southern Arizona with the hope they will remain working physicians in the state.

The approval by Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) brings the total of internal medicine residents from 24 to 30 and the number of family medical residents from 24 to 30. The new residents will begin July 1, 2011.

The UA/UPH Hospital GME Consortium currently operates residency programs in emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, psychiatry, neurology and ophthalmology. A total of 68 residents are currently on campus. Future plans call for a total of seven residency programs with a goal of approximately 100 residents.

“One of our central missions is to train much-needed physicians for our state, and expansion of these key residency programs is clear evidence we’re making major strides to address Arizona’s severe physician shortage,” said Dr. Steve Goldschmid, dean of The University of Arizona College of Medicine. “The expansion of our GME programs is a testament to the quality of educational programs at UPH Hospital and the UA College of Medicine.”

“The new programs emphasize medical practice in rural and medically underserved areas as well as conventional training,” said Victoria Murrain, DO assistant dean for Graduate Medical Education at University Physicians Hospital. “This unique offering makes our campus stand out as a program that provides truly exceptional experience to medical school graduates.”

UPH is a nonprofit corporation created in 1985 as the medical practice of the physicians of The UA College of Medicine. Together, UPH, The University of Arizona, UPH Hospital and University Medical Center combine to care for patients, educate medical students, train young physicians and conduct clinical research. With over 400 physicians and 2000 staff, UPH is Arizona's largest physicians group.

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