New Affiliation for Training Family Doctors

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The Family Medicine Residency Program at East Jefferson General Hospital is now affiliated with Tulane University School of Medicine, an initiative that further extends Tulane's commitment to developing primary care physicians in Louisiana.

The affiliation formalizes collaborative training and educational efforts that have taken place during the past several years between faculty of the hospital's <u>residency</u> <u>program</u> and the Tulane <u>Department of Family and Community Medicine</u>. The two partners will seek ways to further collaborate in staff development, training initiatives, academic programs, research, grant applications and fellowships.

As part of the agreement, East Jefferson family medicine residents will participate in rotations at several Tulane facilities, such as the university's network of community health centers and the Tulane Institute of Sports Medicine. Faculty in the program also will assist in family medicine training for Tulane students in the School of Medicine.

"East Jefferson General Hospital faculty will have increased involvement in teaching our students, and we will help to make educational resources available to their residents," said Dr. Richard H. Streiffer, Tulane professor and chair of family and community medicine. "We will also look for opportunities to partner on new ventures in the future, such as new educational rotations, fellowships and research grants."

East Jefferson's family residency is a three-year program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. The program, called the East Jefferson General Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program, accepts six residents per year for a total enrollment of 18.

"We think an affiliation with Tulane University's School of Medicine, which has a national reputation for academic excellence, will strengthen our ability to recruit top residents from across the country," said Dr. David Euans, residency program director for East Jefferson General Hospital, who plans to expand the program to 21 residents during the next three years.