

East Jefferson General Hospital, Tulane University **Partner in Residency Program**

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The Family Medicine Residency Program at East Jefferson General Hospital is now affiliated with Tulane University School of Medicine.

The affiliation formalizes collaborative training and educational efforts that have taken place during the past several years between faculty of the hospital's residency program and Tulane's Department of Family and Community Medicine. 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 be able to 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 will also 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. We will also look for opportunities to partner on new ventures in the future, such as new educational rotations, fellowships and research grants," said Dr. Richard H. Streiffer, professor and chairman of Family and Community Medicine at Tulane.

Established in 1998, East Jefferson's family residency is a three-year program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). The program, which is now called the East Jefferson General Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program, Affiliated with Tulane University School of Medicine, 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. "It will also give Tulane graduates looking to start in their careers in family medicine a local program that is affiliated with the university."

Euans plans to expand the program to 21 residents during the next three years.

While somewhat unusual for Louisiana, a community hospital-based and sponsored residency with a medical school affiliation is actually the most common model of family medicine residency in the United States, said Streiffer. This initiative further extends Tulane University's commitment to developing primary care physicians in the state of Louisiana. Approximately 55 percent of Tulane's graduate medical education efforts are devoted to training physicians in primary care specialties.

More information on the East Jefferson General Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program, Affiliated with Tulane University School of Medicine is available online at www.ejgh.org or <http://www.ejfammed.org/index.htm>