

THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FORT PIERCE REGIONAL CAMPUS

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Yes, Florida State University's College of Medicine is in Tallahassee, but it's also here in Fort Pierce, along with Daytona Beach, Orlando, Pensacola and Sarasota. Each of these cities (as well as Tallahassee itself) has a regional campus.

Don't look for a giant academic medical center, though. During their clinical third and fourth years of medical school, our students go out into the community and learn directly from some of the hundreds of physicians on our clerkship faculty. These one-on-one apprenticeships take place in real-world settings — such as your doctor's office.

As a result, by the time our students graduate, they have a distinct advantage over graduates from most other medical schools: They're already comfortable working with patients, and they've already delivered babies, been the first assistant in surgery and acquired an abundance of other hands-on experience. Plus, they've become familiar with how a community medical practice works.

The required rotations during Years 3 and 4 are emergency medicine, family medicine, advanced family medicine, geriatrics, internal medicine, advanced internal medicine, obstetrics-gynecology, pediatrics, psychiatry and surgery. After our students complete those rotations, they're ready to make a smooth transition into residency training.

And with each passing year, an increasing number of our alumni — even some who've left the state for residency — are returning to communities surrounding Fort Pierce and our other regional campuses to put down roots and practice medicine.

ABOUT THIS REGIONAL CAMPUS (as of June 2015)

- Third-year students now at Fort Pierce campus: 20
- Fourth-year students now at Fort Pierce campus: 20
- Students who've trained at Fort Pierce campus: 107
- College of Medicine partner institutions/organizations in Treasure Coast area: 23
- Physicians in Treasure Coast area serving as College of Medicine clerkship faculty: 258

ABOUT COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ALUMNI (as of April 2015)

- Total alumni since 2000: 795
- Completed residency training and practicing: 294
- Practicing in Florida: 163
- Practicing in Daytona Beach, Jacksonville, Gainesville and elsewhere in North Central/Northeast Florida: 28
- Of those 28, practicing primary care: 14
- Of those 28, seeing primarily rural patients: 2

ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE IN GENERAL

• Our principal focus is on meeting the primary-care needs of Florida, with a particular emphasis on rural, minority, elderly and other underserved populations.