Regional Medical Campus at Florida Atlantic University: A Better Way for Florida

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Regional Medical Education:

A Four-Year Regional Program with the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

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Where We Are Today
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UMMSM@FAU (2-yr. prog.) - 2005-06:

- 16 2nd year UMMSM students at FAU
- 32 1st year UMMSM students enter FAU
- 25 F/T FAU faculty teaching basic science
- 150 voluntary MD faculty teaching organ system and clinical experience
How We Started
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Chronology:

2002
- General Appropriations Act authorizes implementation of the medical program
- FAU/UMMSM execute detailed MOU
- Charles E. Schmidt Biomedical Science Center opens

2003
- Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) approves UMMSM@FAU Medical Program
Charles E. Schmidt Biomedical Science Center
"When expansion of medical school capacity is pursued, the options of expanding existing medical school capacity, establishing regional partnerships, and establishing new medical schools should be prioritized based on cost efficiency." (Policy Recommendation 7)

"The expansion of medical school capacity should be pursued only after policies to immediately address a physician shortage have been implemented (increasing residency positions and funding scholarship and loan forgiveness programs)." (Policy Recommendation 6)

Source: "Medical Education Needs Analysis" – CEPRI, 2004
Cost Effectiveness of the Regional Medical Program
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- $4.6 million current funding (64 1st & 2nd year students)
- $10 million new support reached in 4 years will increase program fourfold (to 256 students)
- $14.6 million will educate 256 students per year (64 MDs awarded annually)
- Cost per student $57,031; nearly $20,000 less than typical Florida programs
- No new state funded capital costs
Graduate Medical Education: Increasing Florida Residencies

Residency Training at BRCH:

- 125 new residency positions; recruitment with UMMSM; retain Florida-trained medical students
- First residents to start in 2009
- Programs in Internal Medicine (IM), Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Surgery, OB/GYN
- Specialties in Surgery, IM
- Geriatrics training and fellowships
- Council of Teaching Hospitals corresponding membership pending
Benefits of a Regional Medical Program

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- Efficiently addresses Florida’s physician shortage
- Serves as a laboratory for new pedagogic models (Association of American Medical Colleges involvement)
- Engenders and enjoys community support
- Utilizes community-based medical faculty
- Opportunity to increase nursing and other health profession education
Additional Benefits to the Local Communities: UMMSM@FAU

- Boca Raton Community Hospital (BRCH) serves as the UMMSM@FAU primary teaching hospital in Palm Beach County.
- BRCH will develop new residency programs.
- Community hospitals in Palm Beach County serve as additional teaching sites.
- Synergistic relationships facilitate physician recruitment.
- Learning model provides for continuous quality improvement in healthcare.
A Tripartite Agreement
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Education
- Medical students
- Residents
- Continuing Ed
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