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Eisenhower's New Residency Programs Fill All Positions

Welcomes New Residents This Summer

This summer, Eisenhower Medical Center will welcome 22 medical school graduates to its residency programs. The Coachella Valley's first Teaching Hospital learned recently that it has filled 100 percent of the spots in the hospital's first-ever residency program match — just four percent of community hospitals starting multiple, new, medium-to-large size programs actually fill all available slots in a residency program's first year.

Medical school graduates from around the world apply to residency programs via the electronic residency application service (ERAS). They are then matched with their residency programs through the National Residency Matching Program (NRMP), on what is commonly known as Match Day. This year, Match Day fell on March 15 — the day when applicants found out where they will undertake their residencies.

Eisenhower Medical Center's School of Graduate Medical Education residency programs include Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, and Preliminary (specialty residents who will be at Eisenhower for just one year). Eisenhower's matching process began months earlier through an application method coordinated by ERAS and 17 weeks of interviews. Residency programs throughout the country interview applicants and rank them. Similarly, medical students rank the programs in the order of their preference.

"We are thrilled that our new Family Medicine and Internal Medicine residency programs filled all of their available spots in the match this year," says G. Aubrey Serfling, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We welcome a diverse group of highly qualified residents from medical schools in the United States and abroad."

An independent Reuter's survey found that the Valley had a deficit of 102 primary care physicians based on physician/population ratios. By launching the School of Graduate Medical Education and filling all 22 residency positions, Eisenhower is working to fulfill this need.

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