



Coachella Valley's First Residents Join Eisenhower



With the arrival of 22 new medical residents in Family Medicine and Internal Medicine, Eisenhower Medical Center is not only changing its history, but also changing the future of health care in the Coachella Valley. As the valley's first Teaching Hospital, Eisenhower's first training class at its School of Graduate Medical Education and Research will begin orientation this week. The public is invited to meet Eisenhower's new residents at its Ice Cream Social on Friday, June 28 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Café 34 which is accessed via the main hospital lobby.

"It's an exciting time," says G. Aubrey Serfling, President and Chief Executive Officer, Eisenhower Medical Center. "For years, we have worked tirelessly to see this day happen. We've assembled a world-class team of medical educators and have built state-of-the-art facilities to foster the highest quality educational experience possible — an educational experience that begins this week and long into the future."

For patients, the benefits of being treated at a Teaching Hospital are numerous. "Studies indicate that patients treated at teaching hospitals have better outcomes," says Joseph Scherger, MD, MPH, Vice President, Primary Care and the Marie E. Pinizzotto, MD, Chair of Academic Affairs. "That's because you really have to be at the top of your game — up-to-date on the latest treatments, techniques and technology — when you're teaching the next generation of physicians. It also means that there's a lot more time and consideration given to both routine and complex cases as part of the teaching process — and that translates into the best possible care for patients."

The residents, who come from prestigious medical institutions from around the world, will begin their rotations on July 8. The Family Medicine residents will be based at the Eisenhower George and Julia Argyros Health Center in La Quinta and will spend the first three weeks seeing patients at the Center for Family Medicine before beginning their hospital rotations in August. The Internal Medicine residents will go right into the hospital on July 8, and will have one half day a week in the Joel Hirschberg, MD, Center for Internal Medicine clinic seeing patients. Both residency clinics are open to the public for new patients.