OU School of Community Medicine  
Residency Impact Video

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It’s the start of a typical day for OU School of Community Medicine residents and their attending physician. The internal medicine team has gathered for morning rounds on the patients under their care at Saint John Medical Center.
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(Nat Sound St. Francis)
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At Saint Francis, another team of residents meets for morning report before they, too, begin a day of admitting new patients, planning the care of others, discharging some for home. Residents are acquiring the knowledge, skill and experience they’ll need as future physicians, and in doing so, provide a vital service to not only the economically vulnerable they treat, but also to the OU school of community medicine’s hospital partners.
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(Interview sound bite with resident)
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(General Cover Video of Residents)
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Last year, OU school of community medicine staff and residents cared for nearly 92,000 patients during an estimated 300,000 visits, representing an average of 800 patient encounters per day.
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Surgery residents and staff provide 24/7 coverage year round for patients served by residency clinics, for inpatients, and the operating room. Surgery residents also cover all emergency room acute care surgery cases.
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(Nat Sound Labor/Delivery)
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School of community medicine ob-gyn residents deliver more than 2,000 babies a year at hillcrest, providing the only consistent, round-the-clock obstetrical coverage there. Residents perform between 10 to 15 major gynecological operations a week. Without access to the services provided by OU residents, many women would go to private hospital emergency rooms for the care they need, draining financial resources.
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Internal medicine services provided by OU residents and staff are estimated to save hospitals millions in direct expenses for hospitalist programs.
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The quality of care provided in hospitals with graduate medical education programs such as ou’s is solidly proven nationwide. The same is true here in Tulsa, where OU’s
residency and faculty services in various hospitals have been equal to or better in the delivery of patient care, quality outcomes, and the cost of services delivered.

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(Sound Bites from patients at Bedlam Clinic)

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OU residents and faculty also staff some 27 community clinics in the Tulsa area, including the bedlam afternoon and longitudinal clinics, which deliver services to the Tulsa area’s disadvantaged. OU nursing, physician assistant and social work students also gain valuable knowledge and experience through their involvement in patient care here. Many of the patients say they don’t know where they’d go or what they’d do without the care provided.

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Sound bites Bedlam Patients)

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(Exterior Day Center)

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OU school of community medicine residents and physicians are on site at Tulsa’s day center for the homeless…

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(Nat Sound YMCA)

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And form part of the staff of the mobile community impact team. The multidisciplinary group delivers round the clock psychiatric services to adults with ongoing mental illness such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder – in the comfort of the patient’s home. The impact program has delivered impressive results so far, with fewer client hospital stays, and shorter stays on average than before. Again, the experience trains not only future psychiatrists, but also OU nursing, pa and social work students.

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In OU’s residency program, education and service intertwine to deliver a huge impact on health care delivery in the Tulsa area. Not only does the program provide quality care to a large population without access and provide significant cost benefits to hospital partners, it also trains and often retains the next generation of physicians.

Recruitment of much needed physicians to Tulsa is a complex and expensive process. Again, OU’s residency program helps serve that need. More than half the practicing physicians in Tulsa and northeast Oklahoma received part of their training at the University of Oklahoma. Medical students who attend OU are more likely to return, regardless of where they receive post graduate training, and residents who train here are more likely to stay.

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The future is potentially bright… if a more robust partnership and collaboration occurs among Tulsa health care institutions – particularly the large integrated systems – and the university of Oklahoma, whose mission it is to provide care for up to 20 percent of the population without health insurance. When considering that figure, we must realize also that 80 percent of patients treated by OU physicians do have a source of payment received by the hospitals that treat them. They’ll also use many of the ancillary services
those hospitals provide, which in turn will create funding for the specialist and subspecialists on the hospitals’ staff.

The OU school of community medicine looks forward to continuing to provide this needed service for the Tulsa community.