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Ventura County Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program Named #1 in the Nation

(VENTURA, Calif.) – Ventura County Medical Center (VCMC) has been named the No. 1 program in the nation for Family Medicine residency training in the new Doximity/US News & World Report study, it was announced today. A program that launched in 1968, VCMC has a celebrated history and remarkable reputation, which to date has graduated more than 600 family physicians, many of whom are currently in practice in our county. It remains the largest, oldest family medicine residency program in the state.

Physician network Doximity, with its partner US News & World Report, revealed the results of the first comprehensive national study of residency programs. There were 3,691 medical and surgical residency programs evaluated combining over 50,000 peer nominations from board-certified US physicians. This is the first time that data on a national evaluation of residency programs has been made public.

David Araujo, MD, Family Medicine Residency Director says “The news that Doximity and US News & World Report found Ventura County Medical Center to be the premiere residency program in the country is an enormous honor. Having graduated from this program myself, I am well aware of the longstanding reputation of this institution.” Dr. Araujo is impressed with the caliber of residents who come to practice medicine at VCMC. “There’s no question that each new crop of residents who come here are the best and brightest in the country.”

VCMC’s Family Medicine Residency Program accepts 14 new residents each year, and has recently been approved to increase that number by one per year over the next three years, which will allow for 15 new residents each year by 2017. That will make a total of 45 residents practicing medicine at VCMC each year.

Both the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and the Association of Health Care Journalists (AH CJ) have recently issued calls for more transparency into the performance of residency programs. US News & World



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Report, a nationally recognized publisher of education and health care rankings and information, consulted on the methodology.

“We are thrilled and humbled at this exciting news,” says Barry Fisher, MPAA, Health Care Agency Director. “It is yet further validation that VCMC attracts the most talented, skilled physicians and staff to be found anywhere in the county. The residency program is truly a jewel in Ventura County.”

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