



“New PM&R program is taking Advanced Applicants for 2021”

A new Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) Residency Program, based at West Florida Hospital in Pensacola, FL has received initial accreditation from the ACGME as an advanced training (PGY 2-4) program and is seeking immediate applicants to begin the program in 2021. Applications should be submitted through ERAS (NRMP program code: 1587340A0). Qualified applicants will be selected for interviews and the program also plans to participate in the Match Week Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP). Applicants will need to have completed 12 months of education in fundamental clinical skills in an approved residency program in Internal Medicine, Family Medicine or Surgery by July 1, 2021 (transitional or preliminary year).

This program is part of the University of Central Florida (UCF)-HCA Healthcare GME consortium and will accept four residents per year beginning from July 2021 for a total of 12 accredited positions. The program will be directed by K. Rao Poduri, MD, FAAPMR who is the former Residency program Director for over 2 decades and Chair of the Department of PM&R at the University of Rochester until 2018. PM&R program will be among the first UCF-HCA GME programs at West Florida Hospital and is the 26th consortium program.

West Florida Hospital under West Florida Healthcare system is proud to be the area's leading health care facility in quality outcomes performance and is part of HCA Healthcare, the nation's leading healthcare provider. The West Florida Healthcare was named a Straight A Safety Hospital in 2018 by the Leapfrog group and the campus includes the acute care hospital, the area's only comprehensive, CARF-accredited physical rehabilitation hospital, and a behavioral health facility.

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