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New Radiology Residency Approved for TTUHSC at El Paso Paul L. Foster School of Medicine *First new residency program in fifteen years*

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso has received approval from the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) for a four-year radiology residency for graduates of medical school, to begin in the summer of 2008.

“It is anticipated that graduates of this new program will provide interpretation of x-rays, MRIs, and ultrasounds in the El Paso area, relieving a critical physician shortage of radiologists,” said Paul L. Foster School of Medicine Founding Dean, Jose Manuel de la Rosa, M.D.

This is the first time in 15 years that a new residency has been approved for the institution and it is the first radiology residency within the Texas Tech University HSC System. Four medical school graduates who have completed a preliminary year are scheduled to begin the program in July of 2008, with two more starting in 2009.

Thomason Hospital is investing close to two million dollars over the next four years to fund the radiology residents and an estimated 20 million for capital equipment. Among the new technology Thomason is making available for the physicians are three MRIs, three CT scanners, ultrasound equipment, four direct radiography units, a nuclear medicine camera and an upgrade to their mammography unit.

Currently, TTUHSC at El Paso, in collaboration with Thomason Hospital, provides training and graduate medical education for residents in emergency medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, OB/GYN, pediatrics, psychiatry, surgery, and a transitional year. William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso has a collaborative agreement with TTUHSC for an orthopaedic surgery residency.

Residency training is specialized training after medical school education and can range anywhere from three to five years.