



## Senate Passes Resolution to Address Physician Shortage

**Resolution urges the President and Congress to increase the supply of physicians and graduate medical residency positions available in California**

Assembly Member Ricardo Lara's (D-Bell Gardens) Assembly Joint Resolution 13 received bipartisan support in the Senate today with a 23-10 vote. AJR 13 urges the President and Congress to provide resources to increase the supply of physicians in California in order to improve access to care in underserved areas. The resolution also encourages the President and Congress to consider solutions that would increase the number of graduate medical education residency positions to keep pace with the growing need for physicians in California

and the United States.

"We are making great strides as a nation to increase access to healthcare but if we do not have enough physicians to keep up with the need, we will leave entire communities behind. It is unacceptable for California, the 8th largest economy in the world, to fall well below the national average for medical residency slots for future doctors. AJR 13 advocates for the people of California and highlights the crucial need for more primary care physicians to serve our State," said Assemblymember

Lara.

A recent report by the Association of American Colleges Center for Workforce Studies found that the nation is facing a crisis with regard to physician workforce. The report projected that by the year 2020 there will be a nationwide physician shortage of 91,500 and by the year 2025, the shortage is projected to increase to 130,600. In California, conservative estimates project a physician shortage of 17,000 by 2015.

Currently, 42 out of California's 58 counties fall below the minimum recommendations set forth by the Council on Graduate Medical Education's regarding adequate physician supply for primary care. In addition, while some ethnic communities in the State enjoy a ratio of 361 physicians per 100,000 residents, African American communities experience a ratio of 178 physicians per 100,000 residents, and Latino communities experience an even more dismal ratio of 56 physicians per 100,000 residents.

AJR 13 now heads to the Secretary of State for chaptering.

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## First Family Medicine Residency Program in New York in 15 Years Receives National Accreditation

A new residency program in Family Medicine has recently received national accreditation and is expected to help meet the growing shortage of primary care physicians in the U.S., as well as reduce healthcare costs. The first such program to be established in New York State since 1995, the NYMC Phelps Family Medicine Residency Program is a collaboration between three major health institutions in suburban Westchester County: New York Medical College, Phelps Memorial Hospital Center and Open Door Family Medical Centers.

"Our organizations are committed to this program because of the growing need for primary care services in the U.S.," said Keith F. Safian, president and CEO of Phelps Memorial Hospital Center, the community hospital where the new residency program will be based. "In 2014, when insurance coverage is extended to millions of people who are now uninsured, there will be a sharp increase in demand for services and an estimated national shortage of 60,000 primary care physicians."

Accreditation was granted June 1 by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the national organization that oversees all residency training programs in

the U.S. "Accreditation distinguishes the NYMC Phelps Family Medicine Residency Program as having met the high standards for

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## MRI Study Suggests Brain Blood Vessel Abnormality May Be Factor in Parkinson's Disease

**78% of Parkinson's Patients Evaluated Show Evidence of Vascular Compression Syndrome**

A potentially treatable blood vessel abnormality in the brain may be the cause of Parkinson's Disease in some patients, according to a study published today in the journal *Neurology International* by a team of leading physicians and neuroscientists at Pittsburgh's Allegheny General Hospital (AGH).

Recognized worldwide as one of the pre-eminent authorities on diseases associated with vascular compression of cranial nerves, the study's lead author, Peter Jannetta, M.D., is credited with developing the modern surgical technique to treat such conditions. Called microvascular decompression (MVD), the procedure involves repositioning compressive arteries in the brain and placing a protective pad between the artery and the structure it is compromising.

It was in course of treating a patient for the cranial nerve disease trigeminal neuralgia who also suffered from Parkinson's Disease that Dr. Jannetta first observed the possible role of vascular compression in Parkinson's. In addition to vascular compression of the left trigeminal nerve, the patient also had notable compression of an area of the brain called the left cerebral peduncle. The cerebral peduncles are two cylinder-like nerve bundles in the brain stem that act as a conduit for signals that control motor functioning throughout the body.

After performing MVD of the left trigeminal nerve, Dr. Jannetta decompressed the patient's cerebral peduncle by mobilizing and repositioning the offending artery. The results were stunning. By post-operative day five, the patient's Parkinson's symptoms, including severe tremor and rigidity, had disappeared. She remained symptom free for 18 months, after which she suffered a full recurrence. A follow-up MRI scan showed new compression of the non-treated right cerebral peduncle by the opposite posterior cerebral artery.

Based on this case, Dr. Jannetta and his colleagues at AGH conducted a blinded MRI study analyzing the brains of 20 patients with Parkinson's and 20 healthy control subjects. The study showed that 78 percent of the Parkinson's Disease patients had visible arterial compression/distortion of one or both cerebral peduncles.

Of the study's 20 control subjects, just two had low grade compression of the cerebral peduncle and one of those was subsequently diagnosed with Parkinson's.

A multi-center clinical trial to further explore the AGH team's premise has already been organized and is slated to begin later this year.

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graduate medical education," said Richard G. McCarrick, vice dean for graduate medical education at New York Medical College.

The college will serve as the sponsoring academic institution for the new program. More than 80 Phelps physicians will supervise and teach the residents during their three years of training. Residents will see outpatients at Open Door Family Medical Centers, a community health center organization that is known for providing care under the "patient-centered medical home model," according to Executive Director Lindsay Farrell.

"Family Medicine is the lynchpin in what is becoming an increasingly complex health-care system," said Dr. Montgomery Douglas, Chairman of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at New York Medical College. "Healthcare costs are lowered as patients of family physicians make less frequent visits to higher-cost specialists and emergency rooms."

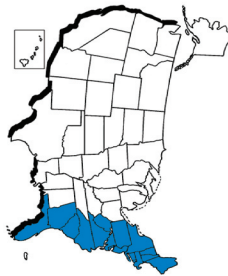
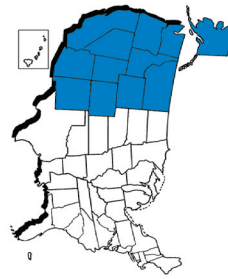
"Family physicians care for people across their life spectrum, including prenatal care, delivering babies, and caring for children, adolescents and adults," said Dr. Shantie

Harkisoon, director of the new residency program. "We bring a holistic perspective to healthcare and advocate prevention alongside disease management."

Applications are now being accepted for the first class of 6 residents who will start their training in July 2012. Recently representatives of the NYMC Phelps program introduced prospective residents to the new program at the National Conference of Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students in Kansas City, MO. A heightened interest in Family Medicine was demonstrated as 2,300 residents and medical students attended the conference from across the country.

*Further information on the NYMC Phelps Family Medicine Residency Program is available at [www.nymcphelpsresidency.org](http://www.nymcphelpsresidency.org) or by calling 914-366-5359. Contact: Nancy Gold 914-232-6583 [marketing@thegold-standard.com](mailto:marketing@thegold-standard.com). SOURCE Phelps Memorial Hospital Center [www.nymcphelpsresidency.org](http://www.nymcphelpsresidency.org)*

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