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Thirty-eight physicians to begin residency programs in Las Vegas

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LAS VEGAS - Thirty-eight physicians, including 26 recent medical school graduates, will begin three-, four- and five-year residency programs on July 1. The University of Nevada School of Medicine conducts residency programs in internal medicine, obstetrics/gynecology, surgery and family medicine at University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, the Veteran's Administration Outpatient Clinic and at the School of Medicine's Family Practice Center.

Twenty-four of the residents will begin three-year post doctoral programs in the Department of Internal Medicine, according to Dr. Arthur Leonard, vice-chairman of the department.

Four new residents will begin four-year post doctoral programs in obstetrics and gynecology. Three of these residents -- John Martin, M.D., Sarah Newton, M.D. and Jeffrey Liu, M.D. -- are recent graduates of the University of Nevada School of Medicine, says Dr. Joseph A. Rojas, residency program director for obstetrics and gynecology.

Four new residents will begin the five-year general surgery residency. The surgery residency is the longest offered at most medical schools in the U.S. Many surgeons,

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such as those specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery, will also be required to complete an additional two to three year residency in a specialty after completing the five-year program, says Dr. Alex G. Little, department chairman.

Four physicians will begin residency programs in family practice. According to Dr. Dean Robert M. Daugherty, Jr., the School of Medicine ranks 15th out of 126 medical schools in the nation as to the percentage of its graduates pursuing medical careers in family medicine.

Residents are an integral part of medical education because they assist faculty and are also responsible for instruction of third-year and fourth-year medical students who rotate through the school's affiliated hospitals. Residents also provide a great deal of patient care at those hospitals. The successful completion of a residency program is required in Nevada and in most states before a medical doctor can become licensed.

For additional information on residency programs at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, contact Lynette Hein at 383-2638.