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Kaleida-ECMC Merger and Resident Education at UB

The agreement to move forward on creating an Academic Medical Center anchored by a merged ECMC-Kaleida healthcare system bodes well for the future of resident training in Buffalo. It is now possible to jointly plan for clustering services on one of four campuses distinguished by unique strengths. Faculty and residents, in turn, can be aligned with the best environment for education. This “clinical service line planning”, to be done correctly and with minimum disruption to patient care and education, takes time. Careful analysis will yield results that make sense in terms of access, expertise, resources, and need. Washington University, Dr. Cain’s former institution, accomplished most of the work over a ten year period.

So, what does the merger mean for residents today? Little change will occur during this academic year. With the exception of rotations for fellows in pulmonary/critical care and critical care assignments for residents in medicine, no additional changes are contemplated in the 2008-2009 academic year. The Graduate Medical Education Committee will work closely with Dean Cain and Dr. Berger as opportunities for new or strengthened programs present themselves. Updates will be periodically posted on the GME webpage (www.buffalo.edu/smbs/gme). Buffalo is focused on a bright future!