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Dorminy Medical Center welcomes first medical residents



Dorminy Medical Center will reach a historic milestone in January 2026 as it welcomes its first-ever group of medical residents to the hospital. The hospital has served the Fitzgerald community for over 51 years; this marks the first time residents will train and complete rotations within the facility.

The four residents: Akshay Patel, DO; Alexander Gardner, DO; Omid Hassanpour, MD; and Varoon Kakaiya, MD will rotate through the emergency room, medical floor, and ICU, gaining hands-on experience while working alongside the hospital's dedicated physicians, nurses, and staff. Their presence represents a significant step forward in Dorminy's evolution as a teaching hospital and its ongoing commitment to strengthening healthcare access in rural communities.

"This is a proud and exciting moment for Dorminy Medical Center," hospital CEO, Paige Wynn shared. "For more than five decades, we have been focused on providing compassionate, high-quality care to our neighbors. Welcoming residents allows us to continue that mission while investing in the future of rural healthcare."

Throughout their training, the residents will uphold Dorminy's mission and vision, delivering patient-centered care rooted in compassion, respect, and excellence. At the same time, they will gain a deeper understanding of the unique challenges and rewards that come with practicing medicine in a rural setting like Fitzgerald.

Hospital leaders note that bringing residents to Dorminy not only enhances patient care but also helps build the next generation of physicians who understand the importance of accessible, community-based healthcare.

As Dorminy Medical Center looks ahead to January 2026, this milestone reflects both its rich history and its continued dedication to growth, education, and the health of the community it proudly serves.