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Severidt Named Director of Medical Education; Broadlawns Residency Programs Earn Highest Accreditation

DES MOINES, Iowa (February 20, 2007) — Larry Severidt, M.D., has been named director of medical education at Broadlawns Medical Center after serving as interim director since August 2006. Meanwhile, two of the programs he will oversee, the Family Medicine and Transitional Year Residencies, have been re-accredited for five years by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

A five-year accreditation reflects the highest statement of approval a program can receive from the ACGME, a private council that evaluates medical residency programs in the United States and improves health care by advancing the quality of resident physicians' education through accreditation.



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Director of Medical Education

Severidt said residents in both programs experience a variety of challenges and health care issues that are not common to most programs. “As the largest publicly funded hospital in Iowa, Broadlawns provides a unique and challenging environment for learning,” he said. “Our graduates leave here as well-rounded, competently trained physician leaders who are prepared to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing health care environment.”

In his new role Severidt also will provide oversight of the podiatry residency program, directed by Broadlawns chief medical officer Vincent Mandracchia, D.P.M. Severidt came to Broadlawns in 2004 with a dual appointment in the department of family

practice and the department of emergency medicine. Prior to his arrival at Broadlawns, he practiced family medicine in Pella and Manchester, Iowa, and served as a medical student preceptor and mentor for Des Moines University and the University of Iowa. He received the Iowa Medical Society award for community services in 1999 and the Preceptor of the Year award from the University of Iowa in 2000.

Broadlawns' role as a teaching hospital dates back to 1927, when the American Medical Association accredited the two-year General Practice Residency Program. In 1971 Broadlawns established itself as a leader in family medicine training with one of the first fully accredited family residency programs in the Midwest. Today, Severidt heads the program, which provides three years of comprehensive training in family medicine with positions for up to 30 resident physicians. Directed by Nicholas Galioto, M.D., Broadlawns' transitional year residency program is offered for four resident physicians who desire a comprehensive year of primary care training prior to entering another specialty.

With a history that reaches back to 1903 as a community health center, Broadlawns Medical Center first opened its doors as a hospital to the residents of Polk County on April 13, 1924. Over the years, Broadlawns has adapted to the changing demands of public health care, yet remained true to its mission of offering quality health services to all Polk County residents and training tomorrow's health care professionals.