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### FAIRFIELD MEDICAL CENTER HOLDS FIRST DIDACTIC DAY FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS



**LANCASTER, Ohio (October 15, 2008)** – On Wednesday, October 8, 2008, Fairfield Medical Center held its first Didactic (lecture) Day in connection with Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine South East Ohio Center for Osteopathic Research and Education. Twenty-two medical students, interns, and residents traveled from Athens to attend lectures, lunch, and a tour of Fairfield Medical Center. The recent addition of videoconferencing equipment at Fairfield Medical Center allowed the lectures to be broadcasted to Ohio University CORE

hospital sites throughout the state of Ohio.

The day consisted of three surgery themed lectures by members of the FMC Medical Staff, Todd Armen, MD, David Robertson, MD, and John DeWalt, DO. Following the lectures the attendees were able to watch a procedure in the Cauterization Lab and toured the Emergency Room, Endoscopy, Observation Unit, Radiology, Intensive Care Unit, Progressive Care Unit, Maternity, and Medical/Surgical Floors. The students also received the opportunity to view the Total Joint Replacement Unit, slated to open on November 6, 2008.

According to Janice Brenstuhl, Medical Education Coordinator for Fairfield Medical Center, the students were very impressed with the facility and technology they witnessed, especially the 64-slice scanner in Radiology. The students also commented on the Medical Staff's enthusiasm and commitment to teaching. One participant in particular, Katherine Able, DO, said, "Didactic day was wonderful. It was nice to see so much enthusiasm displayed about enhancing our educational experience. I really appreciated also the dedication and excitement from the medical director of the hospital as he attended all of the lectures."

The medical students, interns, and residents are required to attend didactics each Wednesday. Fairfield Medical Center has arranged for classroom space at the center, therefore students rotating with physicians can also view the lectures by videoconference instead of traveling to Athens to attend. Fairfield Medical Center intends to host more lecture events for medical students in the near future. Fairfield Medical Center is committed to increasing medical educational opportunities and is in the process of applying for a

residency program. Pending approval, Fairfield Medical Center intends to offer a thirty-six month Family Practice Residency Program for three residents per year beginning in 2010.

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