A family medicine residency program launched this summer at Reid Health with three residents, and could ultimately bring up to 18 family medicine residents to the community with up to six for each calendar year.

The program is affiliated with Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Indianapolis and the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in Kansas City, Mo.

Phillip Scott, D.O., is the director of the new program. He said the approval by the American Osteopathic Association is the culmination of an extensive process that will have a positive impact on Reid and on community health care. “Residents will spend time in virtually every medical discipline that Reid offers, as well as develop their skills in a family medicine clinic that will provide services to the community.”

Tom Huth, M.D., Reid Vice President/Medical Affairs, said the program further establishes Reid as a regional medical and educational center. “This is a natural development of our programs that are already providing clinical clerkships for third- and fourth-year medical students through Indiana University,” Huth said.

Annuradha Bhandari, M.D., Associate Residency Program Director, said she served as chief resident during her own time in a program in Detroit and knows first-hand how a program benefits the health system. “This is another step to take Reid to the next level,” she said. “Reid, to me, already functions as an academic center. A residency program has a trickle effect on all aspects of hospital training, with nursing staff, physician assistants and others. It is exciting, and it makes sense for Reid to be an academic hub in this area.”

Bhandari said the program was a factor in her own decision to join the Reid team, and she believes it will be for other physician candidates. “Doctors want to be in a place where medicine is moving; it will have a good effect on recruitment.”

Reid President/CEO Craig Kinyon said the program will have a positive impact for health care in the region. “This is great news, not only for Reid Physician Associates, but also for the communities we serve. This provides us another great resource in our ongoing efforts to meet the health care needs of the region by expanding our provider team and being able to offer outstanding care to more patients.”

Kinyon said the program also positions the Reid Health system in a more competitive place in ongoing efforts to recruit and keep physicians in the region.

Charles Henley, D.O., Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs with Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine, said the school is excited to work with Reid’s program. “Residents need strong teaching centers, and we see Reid not only offers the strength of experienced physicians, but also a great community in which they can locate for their learning. The college understands the need to create more opportunities for graduate medical education in Indiana and fully supports the residency program at Reid.”

The leadership team of the program includes:
- Phillip Scott, D.O., Program Director
- Annuradha Bhandari, M.D., Associate Program Director
- Roy Teng, D.O., Director of Graduate Medical Education
- Paul Rider, M.D., Director of Continuing Medical Education
- Lynda McClelland, Residency Coordinator
Michael Buckmaster, M.D., and William Ducey, M.D., are the only fellowship-trained vascular surgeons in the region. They see patients at Reid Vascular Surgery, located at the Reid Health Outpatient Care Center, 1100 Reid Pkwy. In 2016, the practice will welcome a third surgeon, Brian Rapp, M.D., who is completing his fellowship at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, N.C.

Drs. Buckmaster and Ducey perform most of their surgical procedures at Reid Health Hospital, which has a state-of-the-art endovascular surgery suite. The suite features high-quality imaging capabilities, allowing the surgeons to perform minimally invasive procedures using X-ray guidance.

Surgical procedures

- Open repair of aneurysms in the abdomen and lower extremities
- Endovascular and percutaneous endovascular repair of abdominal aortic aneurysm
- Percutaneous revascularization of upper and lower extremities
- Carotid endarterectomy
- Aortofemoral bypass
- Lower-extremity bypass

Drs. Michael Buckmaster (left) and William Ducey, vascular surgeons, see patients in their offices on the second floor of the Reid Health Outpatient Care Center.

- Sclerotherapy for varicose veins, including vein stripping and radiofrequency ablation
- Dialysis access procedures

About 10% of their surgical cases are emergencies, for conditions such as a ruptured aneurysm or deep vein thrombosis.

Minimally invasive approach

Drs. Ducey and Buckmaster use a minimally invasive approach in about two-thirds of their cases. This is especially important for patients who present with multiple comorbidities such as diabetes, heart disease, COPD, renal insufficiency and obesity.

“Now we can repair aneurysms with no incision whatsoever—we gain access percutaneously and use a high-tech suturing device,” Dr. Buckmaster said. “Patients can go home the next day with no pain meds—it’s pretty amazing.”

When to refer

Drs. Buckmaster and Ducey treat patients who have:

- Carotid artery disease, such as atherosclerosis
- An aneurysm
- Peripheral artery disease
- A history of transient ischemic attack
- Varicose veins or other vein problems, such as venous thrombosis

To refer a patient to Dr. Buckmaster or Dr. Ducey, call Reid Vascular Surgery, (765) 939-9331.

Our new name: It’s who we already are

Reid Hospital & Health Care Services is no more. As of July 27, the system made up of a main campus in Richmond and numerous satellite facilities in the region is now known as “Reid Health.”

Craig Kinyon, Reid President/CEO, notes the two words -- “Reid” and “Health” -- have been in the name since the last change in 1992 from Reid Memorial Hospital.

“This new name reflects who we have already become - a regional health system made up of physician practices, specialists, emergency facilities and a main campus,” Kinyon said, “with more than 2,600 team members promoting a mission of health and wellness for thousands of area residents. Reid has truly become an integrated health system as we have changed and adapted to unprecedented challenges being experienced across the nation,” Kinyon said. Reid Memorial opened July 27, 1905, with 75 beds at 1401 Chester Boulevard. Kinyon noted that Reid is and remains an independent health system.

A new Reid Health banner marks the front entrance of Reid’s main campus at 1100 Reid Parkway in Richmond. The name officially changed on Reid’s 110th birthday July 27.

The Reid Health system encompasses satellite locations made up of 42 buildings in nine counties and two states.
Reid Health Hospital is among the nation’s top 16 hospitals for infection prevention, according to a study released by Consumer Reports. The 16 are recognized in the September issue of the magazine, which includes an in-depth story about hospital safety and infection in a review of more than 3,000 U.S. hospitals.

The review looked at data on various infections and specifically on a bacteria known as MRSA (methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus) and C. diff (clostridium difficile), which are common challenges for hospital infection control.

“Hospitals really begin to distinguish themselves when they earn high ratings against both infections,” the Consumer Reports article says. “Even better, some hospitals excel against not only MRSA and C. diff, but also other infections that the Centers for Disease Control tracks.”

Craig Kinyon, Reid Health President/CEO, said the recognition underscores many years of focus by the Reid Health system on patient safety and infection prevention. “We have long had full-time infection control and patient safety officers who work every day on preventing infections. Of the many national indicators of quality and safety that we track and report on, we are especially proud of this indicator, as it arguably points to patient outcomes and lives that are saved,” Kinyon noted. “We spend much time and resources on educating our staff and practicing the highest standards to prevent hospital-acquired infections.”

Greg Carter, Infection Control Practitioner, said Reid protocols include monitoring hand-washing compliance with “secret shoppers,” technology that alerts the infection prevention team when a lab result is positive for a multi-drug resistant organism and other measures that help isolate infections.
Rohit Bawa, M.D., believes in ‘active role’

Rohit Bawa, M.D., is passionate about patient care, whether he is performing balloon sinuplasty, providing allergy testing or serving on a hospital committee. A member of the Reid medical staff since 1994, Dr. Bawa has progressed from the “young guy” at Reid ENT to being an experienced otolaryngologist, whose leadership contributions are making an impact across the health system.

Dr. Bawa joined the practice of Dr. David Jetmore after completing his residency at West Virginia University (Dr. W. Timothy Hirons joined the practice later). The practice, which became part of Reid Physician Associates (RPA) in December 2013, has undergone significant changes this year. In March, Dr. Hirons reduced his office hours to two half-days a week. And on July 1, Dr. Jetmore retired. Locums will fill the gaps until the practice is fully staffed.

In the midst of these changes, Dr. Bawa is as enthusiastic about providing ENT care as he has ever been. “A couple of my professors in medical school really influenced me to specialize in ENT, and it is definitely the right specialty for me,” he says. “I like caring for patients of all ages, and I enjoy both the surgical and medical aspects of my practice. Plus, we have always been proactive about adopting new treatments for problems such as allergies and chronic sinusitis, which is rewarding.”

Dr. Bawa feels called to the business side of medicine as well as the clinical. He is the new Chair of the Network Operations Council of RPA, serves on the Reid Health Governing Board and is a member of the steering committee of Reid Outpatient Surgery and Endoscopy. Previously, he served as Chief of Staff at Reid. “Medicine keeps changing, and doctors need to take an active role in how we provide care to the community,” he says.

Dr. Bawa was born in India and immigrated to the United States with his family at age 11, growing up in West Chester, Ohio. He and his wife, Janet, live in Preble County, Ohio, on a 100-acre property with their two youngest children; the couple also has two college-aged kids and two who are working in the finance industry in Indianapolis and Cincinnati. The Bawas enjoy vacationing together as a family—in fact, this summer they spent a week together in a big house on the beach in Charleston, S.C. “For me, a good day includes spending time at the office making people well, playing a round of golf and then going home to have fun with my family,” he says.

Reid ENT provides the full spectrum of otolaryngology practice, including care for skin, head and neck cancers, allergies, hearing issues and sleep apnea/snoring. The main office is located at 101 S. 10th St. in Richmond, and satellite offices are in Connersville, Greenville (Ohio), New Castle, Rushville and Winchester. To refer a patient, please call (765) 966-1600.