

Delray Medical Center honors first graduates from FAU Cardiovascular Fellowship

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Delray Medical Center recently recognized its first two graduates from the Florida Atlantic University Cardiovascular Fellowship. Training with Delray Medical Center physicians and nursing staff, Dr. Prya Bansal and Dr. Haider Al Taii completed the three-year training program at the community hospital and Level 1 Trauma Center under the direction of Dr. Brij Maini.

Maini — the fellowship director of cardiovascular diseases for Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine at FAU — works toward grooming early-career cardiologists and cultivating diversity in their cardiology division.

Launched in 2018, the program is aimed at developing future academic leaders in cardiology through a program that fulfills the eligibility requirements placed by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

“It’s a very emotional feeling,” said Maini, who is also the national and Florida medical director for cardiology for Tenet Healthcare. “When someone comes in, they’re green. You take them under your wings and teach them. ...In the three years, the transition is absolutely fantastic. From saying I really don’t know anything to they can pretty much teach you a lot of things. That, to me, is the key to success.”

During the program, fellows have a patient-centered experience while using state-of-the-art technology and research.

With a comprehensive lecture series on core cardiology topics, the program’s regular conferences include morning reports, EKG rounds, imaging, interventional cardiology, cardio-oncology, board reviews, grand rounds and journal club.

“When I started it was the Fellowship’s second year,” Al Taii said. “So, there was still a little bit of some growing pains. But, with the help of the fellows and the help of the faculty, I think we can probably say we’ve come a long way in a short amount of time.”

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