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ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS TO TRAIN AT TOPEKA VA MEDICAL CENTER

WASHINGTON -- An agreement to train students from Oral Roberts University at the Topeka Veterans Administration Medical Center has been approved by the VA in Washington, Sen. Bob Dole (R-KS) announced today.

The affiliation between the Topeka VA center and ORU calls for a maximum 15 medical students and residents to train in periodic rotation under the supervision of an ORU physician-educator. The University of Kansas has a similar affiliation with the Topeka, Leavenworth and Kansas City VA medical centers.

In announcing the new agreement between the Topeka center and ORU, Sen. Dole said, "The addition of graduate physicians and medical students will enhance the quality of care the VA provides to our veterans in the Topeka area. A lot of planning and work went into this, and I'm grateful that Harry Walters (VA administrator) accepted the recommendation of the VA steering committee and approved the new affiliation."

Under the agreement three residents, six medical and six surgical students will train under ORU's Director of Medical Education who will be the supervising physician. The affiliation becomes effective immediately.

The VA has used similar partnerships at its facilities for more than 40 years. The KU affiliation, specializing in psychiatry, is three years old. The new Topeka-ORU agreement will be reviewed within two years to determine its success.