BROADCAST-Why OSF HealthCare is investing in advanced practice provider fellowships

INTRO: Chances are, one of your medical providers these days isn't a medical doctor, but they're an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician's assistant. These new types of providers are filling in the gap because of so many retiring physicians and not enough doctors to replace them.

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To help these new providers better transition from grad school into full-time practice, OSF HealthCare continues to expand one-year fellowships ... with additional training using simulations, mentors, and hands on experience in focus areas: primary care, pediatrics, neurology, urgent care, and intensive care ...

(Lisa Pierce on patients get better care)

"Our patients are getting better care, because our fellows are trained in this really critical learning environment that helps them hone their skills." (:11)

That's Lisa Pierce, vice president for Advanced Care at OSF HealthCare who says the fellowships are helping with retention, because at the end of their training, most fellows stay.

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For OSF HealthCare, I'm Colleen Reynolds.