

## New medical school planned for San Bernardino County

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Dr. Dev GnanaDev, chief of surgery at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton, Ca., prepares for surgery on Thursday morning. GnanaDev will be starting a medical school near Arrowhead Regional Medical Center. photos by John Valenzuela — Staff Photographer



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A vision of building a medical school in San Bernardino County is part of a life of learning for Dev GnanaDev.

Education was stressed in his home, in his native town of 3,000 in India. That's where his father was the director of a community college.

And the learning continued — through medical school in India, a general surgery residency in New Jersey, a fellowship in cardiovascular surgery at the Arizona Heart Institute in Phoenix and an MBA from Cal State San Bernardino. His six siblings are now physicians practicing in the United States; one is a computer engineer, and one has a master's degree in science.

So, as GnanaDev, now a longtime surgeon, looked at education in San Bernardino County, he saw a need.

The idea for a new medical school entered his mind in 2010, after executives from a Caribbean medical school asked Arrowhead Regional Medical Center if they would accept their graduates into its residency program.

GnanaDev visited the school, and discovered many of its students were graduates of UC Berkeley and UCLA.

"Four out of the top 10 schools in the world are in California," he said. "But it's sad we don't have enough medical schools. There are at least 3,000 California kids in Caribbean medical schools. That is a failure to provide enough medical schools in our area."

And that has GnanaDev, chief of surgery at ARMC, and [until recently its medical director](#), on the cusp of building a hub in Colton that caters to medical students from the area.

He's planning a new private, nonprofit medical school, where students would come primarily from the