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Pain center brings doctors from all over Physicians join as Interventional Pain Management expands

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A Florence-based medical practice has recruited some doctors from around the country to help with its expansion.

Interventional Pain Management, located at 47 Cavalier Drive, suite 100, in Florence, began its expansion three years ago with the hiring of Dr. Sun Min, who was chief fellow in the department of pain management at the Cleveland Clinic.

He moved to Cincinnati because his wife, also a physician, was hired by Children's Hospital.

"I thought, we're either going to hire this guy or we're going to compete against him," said Kendall Hansen, who started the practice 20 years ago. "The thing I have learned is once you get one guy with high credentials, it makes it easier to recruit higher-trained people."

Min recently moved to the practice's new location in Western Hills.

A Crestview Hills location will open in December. That office will be staffed by Dr. Robert Klickovich and Dr. Jose Rivera.

Klickovich attended medical school at Northwestern University, did his

residency at Harvard Medical School's Brigham & Women's Hospital, and spent two years studying neurosciences at the University of Oxford in the England.

Although Klickovich will still be on staff at Harvard, he wanted to work in private practice.

"Kendall offered me the opportunity to really define the scope of my practice as I saw fit," said Klickovich. "In addition, he supported me in maintaining my faculty status at Harvard and allows me to go back and work on palliative services at Harvard. Harvard was open to me doing that and bringing some of the private practice experience to them."

Rivera left his native Puerto Rico after graduating from medical school with honors because he wanted "the best training possible." He attended Baylor University, which is ranked as the nation's 10th-best medical school by U.S. News and World Report. Rivera is a board-certified anesthesiologist with a specialty in pain management. He has had 18 peer-reviewed articles published in medical journals and has been in private practice

for eight years.

He moved to Northern Kentucky to work with Interventional Pain Management.

"I saw the potential ... the people he was bringing to the group," said Rivera. "The individuals here are extremely well-qualified. When moving, I was trying to look at people with the same type of training and expertise. And we have the same vision - to provide the best patient care possible."

Hansen said the experiences of each doctor is paying dividends.

"I think what makes it even better is that they're coming from different parts of the country and institutions," said Hansen. "We're taking notes and finding what's better and implementing it."

