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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH APPOINTS DR. ULYEE
CHOE AS DIRECTOR IN PINELLAS COUNTY**



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Tallahassee, Fla. — The Florida Department of Health has announced Ulyee Choe, D.O., as the new director for the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County. Since May 2013, Dr. Choe has served as the director of the Florida Department of Health in Polk County.

“Dr. Choe is a committed medical professional with an extensive history in public health,” said Kim Barnhill, deputy secretary for County Health Systems. “His experience serving in the medical, academic and community health arenas makes him a tremendous asset to the department and the people of Pinellas County.”

In November 2012, Dr. Choe was named interim director of the Florida Department of Health in Polk and in May 2013, transitioned to director. He is board certified in both internal medicine and infectious diseases and is currently an assistant professor at the University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Infectious Disease and International Medicine. Dr. Choe also serves as the director of the Hardee County Health Department.

Dr. Choe is a graduate of the University of Florida where he earned a bachelor’s degree in microbiology. He also earned a doctorate in osteopathic medicine from Nova Southeastern University in 2005. Dr. Choe completed his internal medicine residency and infectious diseases fellowship at the University of South Florida (USF) in 2011. Dr. Choe accepted the position of assistant professor of Medicine with the Division of Infectious Disease and International Medicine at USF.

Dr. Choe currently serves as the co-chair of the Health and Medical Committee for the eight county Tampa Bay Regional Domestic Security Task Force as well as vice-chair of the Health and Medical Coalition. He also serves as the co-chair of the statewide Communicable Disease Program Council. He sits on a number of executive boards and committees for local professional and community organizations including the Polk County Medical Association, United Way and Polk Vision.

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