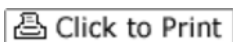




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FSU College Of Medicine Among Nation's Top Producers Of Family Doctors

The Florida State University's College of Medicine ranks among the top five schools in the United States for percentage of graduates choosing to specialize in family medicine.

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 [FSU Med School in Top Five for Family Doctors](#)

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Florida State has cracked the top five ... not according to the Associated Press ... but according to the American Academy of Family Physicians.

FSU's medical school now ranks 5th in the nation for turning out family doctors.

First year FSU med student Jason Lorenzen always dreamed of being a surgeon but now, he envisions a life as a family doctor.

"I can have more interaction with my patients and I can see them over a longer period of time and really build a relationship with them," Lorenzen said.

Roughly 60% of FSU's medical school graduates wind up in primary care and 16.8% choose family medicine. According to The American Academy of Family Physicians that ranks FSU fifth in the nation for turning out family doctors, just as the university promised when it was trying to convince lawmakers to fund this school back in 2001.

"I was thrilled to see that we were in the top five. I was disappointed that we weren't number one or number two, because I think that really is what we need. Again, that's why the school was created was to address some of those needs," said Daniel Van Durme, Chairman of the medical school's Department of Family Medicine and Rural Health.

The latest numbers from the American Academy of Family Physicians show that by the year 2020, Florida will need another four thousand plus family doctors and Georgia another thousand plus to meet the need.

For Jason Lorenzen, that coupled with FSU's top five ranking means he made the right choice.

"I just really think that it's great that we're coming so far just a few years being open."

FSU Press Release:

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. --

For the third year in a row, The Florida State University's College of Medicine ranks among the top five schools in the United States for percentage of graduates choosing to specialize in family medicine, according to an American Academy of Family Physicians annual report.

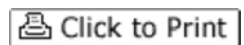
Over a three-year period, 16.8 percent of FSU College of Medicine graduates entered family-medicine residencies. That gave FSU a ranking of fifth in the nation. The University of North Dakota claimed the top spot, with 20.3 percent. The next-highest Florida school was the University of South Florida, ranked 65th, with 8.0 percent.

"We remain proud of our high ranking but recognize the need to do much more in order to meet the health care needs of Floridians," said Daniel Van Durme, M.D., chair of the department of family medicine and rural health. "All of the scientific evidence shows that populations with a strong primary care base of health care have much better health outcomes, and that is certainly what we all want for ourselves and our communities."

The AAFP tracks the success of U.S. allopathic and osteopathic medical schools in producing doctors who choose family medicine residencies, and the medical journal Family Medicine publishes the numbers annually. The percentage of graduating U.S. medical students entering family medicine residencies declined

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