

It's Match Day for medical school students at FSU, across the country

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In this file photo from last year's Match Day, Brian Garcia leaps for joy upon learning of his assignment to Shands Hospital in Gainesville as Florida State celebrates Match Day for FSU the medical school students. / Glenn Beil/Democrat

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This is not an ordinary day for 114 fourth-year students at Florida State's medical school. Not even close to ordinary.

Today is Match Day across the country, when soon-to-graduate medical school students learn where they will go to begin their medical careers as residents at teaching hospitals.

Today also marks the first time the new internal medicine residency program at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, a joint project with FSU, will accept residents on Match Day.

Match Day is the primary system for pairing physicians with available positions at teaching hospitals in the United States. It is a joyous occasion for students who have spent at least eight years earning undergraduate and medical degrees.

Studies have determined that where doctors serve their residency is the No. 1 predictor for where they will continue their medical careers.

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