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FSU College of Medicine Gets Positive Review From Accreditation Officials

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla.-The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) notified the Florida State University College of Medicine today that it has voted to continue the medical school's provisional accreditation after reviewing the school's third- and fourth-year education program.

An earlier review focusing on the first- and second-year program resulted in the medical school being granted initial provisional accreditation on Oct. 17, 2002.

The committee's most recent report includes praise for the medical school's dean, faculty, staff and students, as well as its use of medical information technology. It also notes that the school's institutional focus on geriatric and community medicine provides "a distinctive opportunity for innovation in medical education."

The report also commended the College of Medicine's outreach programs for recruiting "diverse and disadvantaged students," calling the programs "exemplary."

According to LCME procedures, a new medical school is first eligible for full accreditation during the graduation year of its inaugural class, which for FSU would be during the 2004-2005 academic year. A final review will likely take place at that time.

The medical school admitted its first students in May 2001 and currently has three classes enrolled.