

PRESS RELEASE

FSU College of Medicine Moves to New \$60 Million Building Complex

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Students, faculty and staff of the Florida State University College of Medicine are moving this week into the medical school's new \$60 million building complex on the northwest corner of the FSU campus. All administrative and faculty offices, research labs, classrooms, and student community rooms, as well as the Medical Library and the Clinical Learning Center, are being relocated from the college's transitional facilities in the former FSU Developmental Research School, also known as Florida High. The move is expected to take a few weeks to complete. The Medical Library and the Clinical Learning Center begin operating in the new building this week. Classes will be held in the new buildings beginning the week of Nov. 8. The three-story complex, which is designed to evoke the Jacobean architecture of the historic core of the FSU campus, includes an education and administration building and a research building, and will feature a 300-seat auditorium. The auditorium and a second section of the research building will be built over the next 15 months. When complete, the 300,000-square-foot building complex will enclose a central cloister. The new medical school complex is designed to accommodate an anticipated full enrollment of 240 first- and second-year students, as well as 50 Ph.D. students. Third- and fourth-year medical students study at the medical school's regional campuses in Orlando, Pensacola, Sarasota and Tallahassee. Students at all of the medical school's campuses participate in classes together via videoconferencing, and faculty and staff from across the campuses use videoconferencing to meet, plan curricula and conduct training. The new building complex features improved videoconferencing facilities with state-of-the-art equipment. The medical school's classrooms also feature the latest instructional technology, including wireless Internet access, LCD projectors, digital recording equipment, and digital microscopy. The FSU College of Medicine currently has 173 medical students in four classes, as well as five Ph.D. students and six post-baccalaureate students. Tours of the new College of Medicine building complex will be offered to the public beginning in March.