

PRESS RELEASE

Local Faculty Welcome FSU Medical Students to Orlando

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ORLANDO, FLA. -- The first group of medical students assigned to Florida State University's newly established Regional Medical School Campus - Orlando will be in Orlando Dec. 17 to meet some of the local physicians who will be their teachers.

The 12 students will meet their future clinical faculty and other members of the Orlando medical community at an open house at the medical school's recently opened Orlando offices. The students have one semester remaining in Tallahassee before relocating to Orlando in July for two years of clinical rotations.

"It won't be long before our students begin showing up in local doctors' offices and hospitals," said Anthony J. Costa, M.D., assistant dean for the Orlando campus. "We've hired some of the Orlando area's best physicians to oversee our students' clinical rotations, and they are eager to get started."

Clinical faculty from the Orlando campus have traveled to Tallahassee in recent months for a series of workshops to help familiarize them with the medical school's curriculum and how it is delivered and to develop their teaching skills.

Students and faculty will be available for media interviews at:

1- 5 P.M.

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

FSU REGIONAL MEDICAL SCHOOL CAMPUS - ORLANDO

415 BRIERCLIFF DRIVE

ORLANDO

The FSU College of Medicine accepted its first students in 2001 and was accredited in October 2002. Its first students will graduate in 2005. When the medical school reaches full capacity, as many as 40 students at a time (20 third-year students and 20 fourth-year students) will be assigned to the Orlando campus. In the Orlando area, FSU's medical school is affiliated with Florida Hospital and Orlando Regional Medical Center.