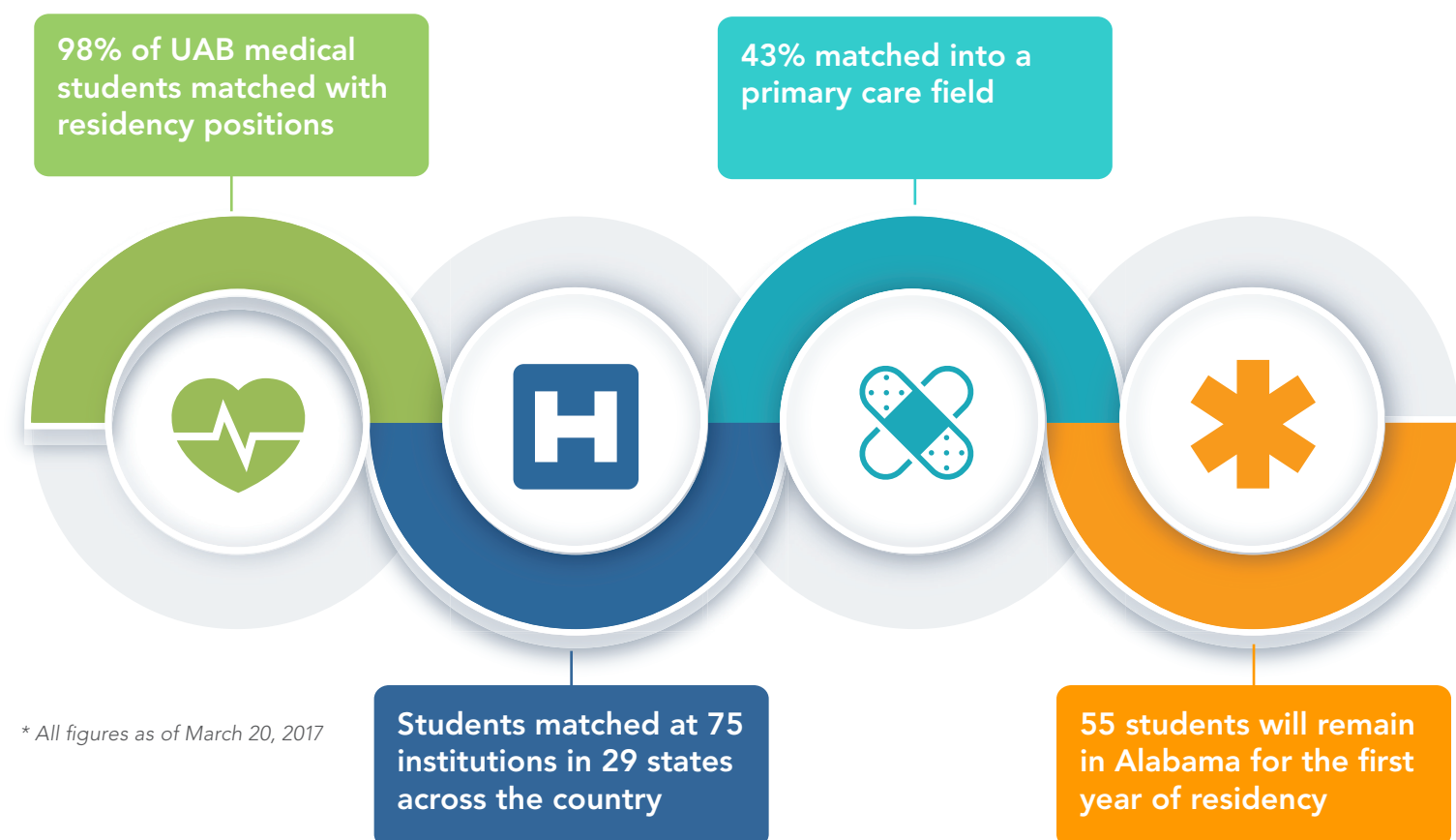# MATCH GAME

The Class of 2017 celebrates Match Day and looks ahead to residency training

Match Day, the day graduating medical students learn where they will conduct their residencies, is the culmination of a student's medical school journey and the first step into specialty training. It is a day filled with joy, relief, excitement, laughter, friends, and family. Here are a few facts and figures about the 2017 Match Day results.

98% of UAB medical students matched with residency positions

43% matched into a primary care field

* All figures as of March 20, 2017

Students matched at 75 institutions in 29 states across the country

55 students will remain in Alabama for the first year of residency

Top Residency Match Results

28 internal medicine
24 pediatrics
18 general surgery
17 emergency medicine
17 family medicine

12 obstetrics and gynecology
6 anesthesiology
6 orthopaedic surgery
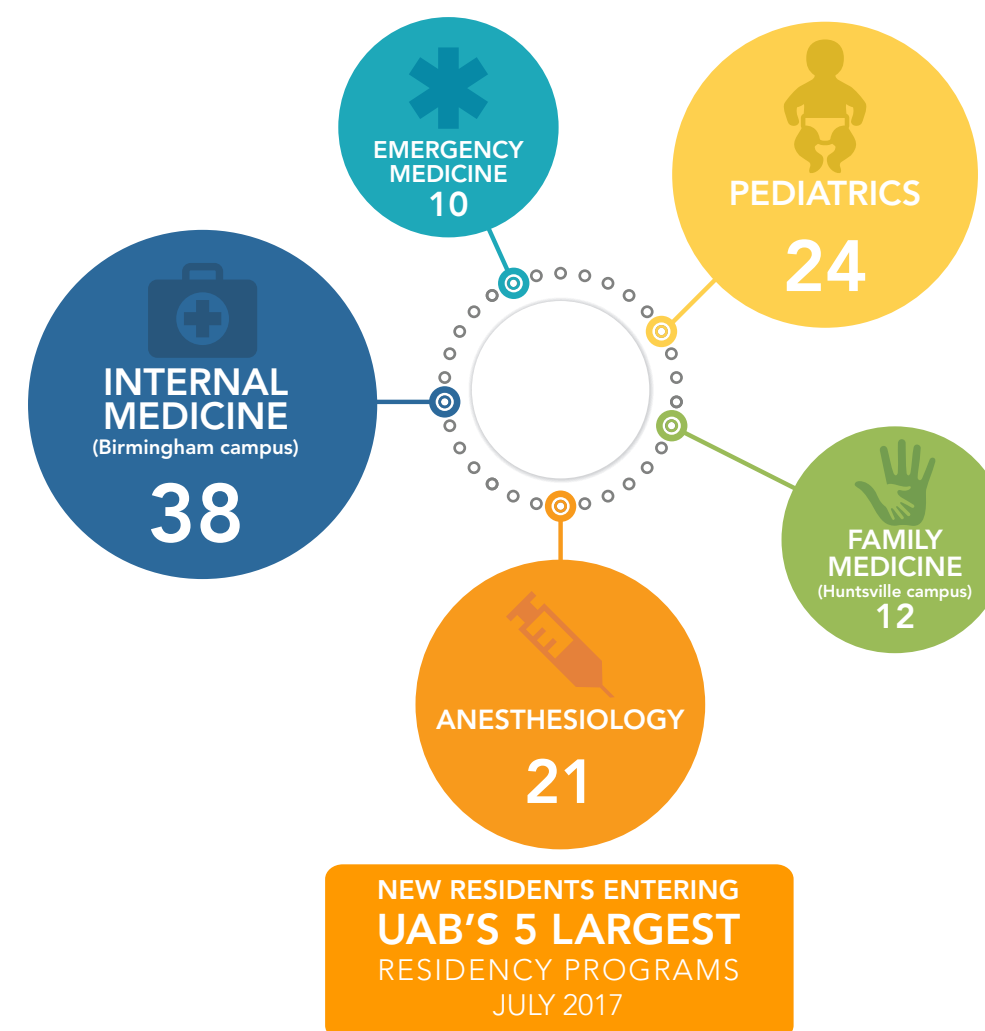5 each diagnostic radiology, psychiatry, and ophthalmology

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UAB has 88 residency and fellowship programs across 4 campuses

220 new incoming residents matched to UAB programs in the main Match

> **We spent the past four years studying for long hours and taking tests. It all comes down to this moment, and it means so much.**
>
> — Xavier Baldwin, M.D., University of North Carolina General Surgery match

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MATCH DAY FACTS

- Match Day occurs on the third Friday of March. In 2017, Match Day hit a record high with 35,969 U.S. and international medical school students and graduates vying for 31,757 residency positions.

- The National Resident Matching Program (NRMP) is a private, nonprofit organization established in 1952 at the request of medical students to provide an orderly and fair mechanism for matching the preferences of applicants for U.S. residency positions with the preferences of residency program directors.

- NRMP Matches use a computerized mathematical algorithm to align the preferences of applicants with the preferences of program directors in order to fill training positions available at U.S. teaching hospitals. Research on the NRMP algorithm was a basis for awarding the 2012 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences.

- On the Monday prior to Match Day, candidates find out from the NRMP if (but not where) they matched. They must wait until Match Day to learn where they matched.