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Spotlight on Specialties: **Infectious Disease**
The work of ID is cognitive, detail-oriented, and team-based. The range of conditions means physicians in ID enjoy more options than in some other specialties in choosing an area of focus as well as a practice type and location.

Special Feature: **The truth behind switching specialties during residency**

Switching specialties usually adds time to your training and dollars to your debt, so it’s an event you should avoid. Here’s help for trying to find the right fit the first time, and if you end up unhappy, know you can — and should — try again.

Getting It Right the Second Time: **Dr. Charlie Goldberg**

Dr. Goldberg switched from urology to internal medicine during residency. Here’s why and how he did it, how many years of training he eventually completed, and how his situation ultimately worked out.

CiM Toolbox: **CiM 2.0 coming soon**

A redesigned CiM Web site is coming soon! Here’s a preview of the exciting improvements.

Ask the Advisor: **Why explore specialties early in med school?**

Many medical students consider their specialty choice their most difficult professional decision. Such an important decision takes time, and procrastination only adds to the stress. Start exploring your options early to find your best possible specialty fit.

Published four times a year, **Choices** provides pertinent information for medical students about specialty choice, getting into residency, and other important guidance related to medical student career-planning.

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