Overview of the Advanced Clinical Year

Class of 2018
Today’s Meeting Agenda

1. Review Clinical Requirements for Graduation

2. Overview of the next few months and things to consider as you construct your senior schedule
Clinical Requirements for Graduation - Class of 2018

- **Core Third Year -**
  - ✓ Trans. to Clerkships
  - ✓ Medicine - 8 wk
  - ✓ Primary Care I - 4 wk
  - ✓ Surgery - 8 wk
  - ✓ Anesthesiology - 2 wk

- **Clerkships and Core Elective(s)**
  - ✓ Women’s Health - 6 wk
  - ✓ Pediatrics - 6 wk
  - ✓ Psychiatry - 6 wk
  - ✓ Neurology - 4 wk
  - ✓ Core Yr (MS3) Electives – 2 or 4 weeks
Clinical Requirements for Graduation - Class of 2018

- **Advanced Clinical Year**
  - Primary Care 2 - 4 wk
    - Geriatrics/Palliative Care
  - Diagnostic Radiology - 4 wk
  - Emerg Med Clerkship – 4 wk
  - Subinternship – 1 month
    - Medicine or Pediatrics
    - Subinternships in other specialties count as elective credit (i.e. Surgery)

- **Selective(s)** – 4 wk (or Two 2 wk)
  - Select from Translational Science Courses (T-Sels)

- **Critical Care** - 2 wk
  - SICU, MICU, NICU, PICU
  - Can be taken away at another medical school

- **Electives** – 16 weeks
  - Check distribution requirements for subspecialties, research, and extramural electives
  - Students are permitted to do as many electives as their schedule will allow

- **Any Core Clerkships not completed in third year must be completed in April-June 2017.**
CARE 301

- Senior Schedule Planning Seminars
- Career Month – Residency program directors and departmental specialty advisors give workshops *(Jan-Feb 2017)*
- Student-to-Student Residency Forum *(Peer advice after Match day)*
- Nuts and Bolts of Residency Application Process Seminars
  - CV and Personal Statement Writing
  - ERAS completion guidance
- Specialty advisor assistance with program application selection

*Practical Opportunities*
  - Four weeks of Core electives for career exploration
CARE 401

- Meetings for seniors having difficulty making a final decision on specialty
- Interviewing Seminar
- Rank Order Strategies
- Review of individual rank order lists
Coming Up!

- Jan  Composing Your Senior Schedule
  - Small group meetings
  - Includes reviewing some sample senior schedules

- Jan 9- Feb 9  Clinical Departmental Mtgs

- Jan 31  Visiting Student Application Service
  (VSAS for Away Electives)
Coming Up!

- Early Feb  On-line Registration begins
- Feb 28    Away Electives and VSAS
- May, June, July Nuts * Bolts Residency AppProcess
- On-going Q & A seminars throughout summer
Overview of Calendar

- **Spring Semester (Jan thru May)**
  - Career planning, Meet Clinical Dean, Attend Departmental Meetings, Register for senior schedule, apply for away electives, Register for Step 2 CK/CS. Have you started a CV?

- **April, May, June, July, Aug, Sept**
  - Take Step 2 CK/CS by November 1, 2017
  - Exploring and Decision Making
  - Take subinternship or electives departmental advisors have suggested taking
  - Letters of recommendation - 3 required
  - Submitting residency applications, writing personal statement
  - **ERAS MUST be submitted by September 15th**
    - *Students are able to apply to more than one specialty*
Overview of Calendar

Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan - Interviews

February – Submit Rank Order List

March – Match Day! March 16, 2018!!

May – Graduation! May 22, 2018!!
Things to Consider when Designing your Senior Schedule

✓ YOU will create your schedule, in consultation with your Clinical Assistant Dean
✓ Downstate electives in field(s) you are considering
✓ Possible off-campus electives timing
  ✓ July not a good idea... Do Downstate elective first
✓ Clerkship Reexaminations (if applicable)
  ✓ Most scheduled in April; Schedule posted on Registrar website
✓ When to take Step 2CK and CS – Ideally April through June 2017
  ✓ BUT No Later than November 1, 2017
Things to Consider when Designing your Senior Schedule – Con’t

- Required Subinternship – early for LOR vs. later
- Research electives?
- Electives of interest
- Interviews usually require one month off
  - Early Match – November or December
  - Regular Match – November, December or January
- Global Health in Dev Countries - April/May 2018
USMLE Step 2

- Step 2 has two parts: Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge) and Step 2 CS (Clinical Skills).
- Taking & Passing Step 2 CK & CS is a graduation requirement.
- All students are required to register and schedule both Step 2 CK & Step 2 CS by August 1, 2017.
- All students are required to take both Step 2 CK & Step 2 CS by November 1, 2017.
USMLE Step 2 – Con’t

- Cost of Step 2 CK 2017: $605

- Cost can be included in the senior year Financial Aid/Student Loan package - once.
Step 2 Clinical Skills Exam

- Cost of Step 2 CS 2017: $1,280
- Score: Pass/Fail
- Register through NBME
- Registration for exam will begin this month
- Closest site: Philadelphia
- Required Standardized Pt assessment Feb-March
  - Office of Academic Affairs will e-mail assignments
Step 2 Timing Issues

- Recommend taking month off for Step 2CK
- Benefit of taking it early - close to Core Year shelf exams. We encourage you to take the exam in April 2017.
- Residency programs want Step 2CK on your application (9/15) – few exceptions.
- Timing of Step 2CS – recommended immediately following SubI or Emer Med
- Most students do not take time off to study for Step 2CS.
Letters of Recommendation

- Most residency programs require **3** letters.
  - A.K.A. LORs

- When ERAS opens in May 2017, you may begin to designate letter writers and the request process.

- Letter writers will upload their LORs directly onto the ERAS LOR portal.

- Although **YOUR ERAS** application is sent out Sept 15, LOR’s can be sent in by program deadlines which can be as late as 11/1, although the sooner the better.
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- Remaining Core Clerkships
  - Will be scheduled for you
  - Currently enrolled clerkships end 3/24/17
  - Two week vacation (3/27-4/7)
  - Clerkships begin 4/10/2017

- If you have special issues or concerns, make an appointment with Ms. Shonbrun or Dean Christoforou
Course Scheduling & Registration

- Registration for Advanced Clinical courses will occur in 3 periods:
  - Spring 2017 registration (April – June)
  - Fall 2017
  - Spring 2018

- Elective offerings for Spring 2017 on-line

- Elective offerings for 2017-18 academic year will be available in February 2017.
Course Scheduling & Registration

- Clerkship remediation dates on Registrar website

- If you’re “undecided” use May, June, or July to take electives/SubI to assist your decision.

- Taking Away electives before “prime-time” (May or June 2017) …. VSAS availability

- Clinical Schedule Planner to assist you in developing your schedule is posted on-line.
Need Help?

- Assistance with your individual senior schedule, some resources:
  - Your Clinical Assistant Dean
  - Specialty Advisors
  - Christoforou or Shonbrun
  - Upperclass students
Careers in Medicine

- www.aamc.org/careers
  inmedicine
- Valuable resource
  which includes:
  - Self-Assessment Tools
  - Decision Process
  - Specialty Profiles

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