Senior Class Meeting Series

- First of 5 Senior Timeline
- March Composing Senior Schedule
- April Dept Residency Advice Mtgs
- June Residency App Process
- October Interviewing Do’s & Don’ts
- Dec/January Ranking Residency Prog
- Ongoing Q & A seminars
This meeting should.....

- Give you an overview of the next 18 months
- Make you comfortable being more familiar with what to expect
- Assure you that over the next few months and beyond, there will be people and resources to assist you through your senior year and residency process.
This meeting should **NOT**:

- Create **anxiety** (but it always does for some…)
- Make you feel like you should already know what you want to be “when you grow up” (but it might…)

Careers in Medicine

Contact Anne Shonbrun for Access Code and Password:

Select “New User” and follow directions to create your own ID and Password

- www.aamc.org/careersinmedicine
- Valuable resource which includes:
  - Self-Assessment Tools
  - Decision Process
  - Specialty Profiles
April is Career Month

- Clinical Departmental Meetings with students interested in field
  - Pertinent residency application advice
- Student-to-Student Residency Forum
  - Students who just matched share insights one-on-one
- Individual appointments with Clinical Assistant Dean and Specialty Advisors
  - Specialty advisor list being updated. Current one online under Student Affairs - Career Planning
Clinical Requirements for Graduation - Class of 2008

- Successful completion of all clerkships
  - Trans. to Clerkships
  - Medicine - 10 wk
  - Pediatrics - 6 wk
  - Primary Care I - 6 wk
  - Women’s Health - 6 wk
  - Surgery - 8 wk
  - Psychiatry - 6 wk
  - Neurology - 4 wk
  - Anesthesiology - 2wk
  - Emergency Med - 2 wk
Clinical Requirements for Graduation - Class of 2008

- Primary Care II - Geriatrics/Palliative Care - 4 weeks
  - Must be done at a SUNY affiliate
- Full Month Subinternship *(SUNY Downstate affiliate)*
  - Medicine or Pediatrics
- Emerging Concepts in Medicine - 2 weeks in March
- Transition to Residency - 1 week in March
- 20 weeks (credits) of Electives
  - Check distribution requirements for subspecialties, research, and extramural electives
Primary Care II Block

- Students are scheduled:
  - June, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Feb, April, May
  - Special circumstances – email Anne Shonbrun
- Dates coincide with elective dates for easy scheduling
- One-to-one switches are permitted
- Assignments will be e-mailed February 9th
Electives/Subinternships

- "Intramural", or SUNY Downstate electives in the Course Selection Book on-line, to be taken July 2007 and beyond, are registered for through a lottery in April.
- If you have elective time this spring, you must complete an add/drop form in the Office of the Registrar.
- Preferences for Subinternship months are also entered through the lottery.
Senior Year Schedule Issues

- Remaining Core Clerkship Lottery
  - Instructions will be e-mailed and will be on the web
  - Psychiatry, Neurology, Anesthesia, Emer Medicine
  - Other clerkships - schedule individually with Ms. Shonbrun

- Clerkship Reexamination Schedule
  - Required 2 week study period with no course work while studying and during scheduled date of examination.
  - Schedule will be distributed at 3/29 class meeting
Extramural & Other Special Electives

- Extramural (Off-Campus) Electives
  - Purpose
    - “Audition Electives”
    - Obtain Letters of Recommendation
    - Be exposed to different clinical experiences
  - Timing of application and actual rotation
  - Website information
    - www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/electives/start.htm

- Research Electives, International Electives, Health Care in Developing Countries, Indian Health Service
USMLE Step 2

- Step 2 has two parts: Step 2 CK (Clinical Knowledge) and Step 2 CS (Clinical Skills)
- Taking Step 2 CK & CS is a graduation requirement.
- All students are required to take both Step 2 CK & Step 2 CS by January 31, 2008.
- Cost can be included in the senior year Financial Aid/Student Loan package - once.
Step 2 Clinical Skills Exam

- Cost of Step 2 CS this year: $1005
- Score: Pass/Fail
- Register through NBME
- Registration for exam will begin this month
- Closest site: Philadelphia
- For latest info: www.usmle.org/news/cse.htm
- Required Standardized patient experience in spring - ECM Office will e-mail assignment
Step 2 CK (Written) Timing Issues

- Students not satisfied with their performance on Step 1 should take Step 2 CK early, as should those who want to get it done and out of the way.
- Benefit of taking it early - close to MS3 shelf exams.
- Students generally take 2 weeks to 1 month off to study, or study during a light elective.
- To include Step 2 CK with the screening of your application, take by August 15, August 1 for early match.
Step 2 Timing Issues

- To have Step 2 considered during the residency program **determinations (ranking)** Step 2 must be taken by **December 31, December 1** for early match.

- To be able to view your Step 2 score prior to sending to programs, do not take the exam prior to sending out your ERAS application. **(Usually between Sept 1-Oct 1)**
Letters of Recommendation

- **LOR file** is set up in Dean’s Office in June.
- Most programs require **3** letters.
- MSPE Guidelines indicate residency program directors do not want letters dated **prior** to June of third year.
- Although **YOUR ERAS** is sent out in mid Sept, LOR’s can be sent in by program deadlines which can be as late as 12/1.
Senior Timeline

- **January/February 2007**
  - **1/25** Receive e-mail: Clin Asst Dean preferences
  - **2/5/2007** Deadline to return preference forms
  - **2/9** Primary Care II assignments sent via e-mail
  - **2/12** Clin Assistant Dean Assignments e-mailed
  - **2/26** Remaining Core Clerkship Lottery Begins
  - **3/5/2007** Deadline to enter on the web
Senior Timeline

- **March 2007**
  - Begin meeting with Clinical Assistant Deans
  - Begin to request info for off-campus electives
  - AOA Specialty Forum
  - **3/15** Match Day for Class of 2007
    - Come share the excitement!
  - **3/16** Core Clerkship Schedule released
Senior Timeline

- April 2007 - Career Month!
  - 3/29 Class Meeting - Constructing Your Senior Schedule and General Residency Information
  - Student-to-Student Residency Forum
  - Elective/Subinternship Lottery Selections on Web and Submission of Clinical Schedule Planner
  - All Month - Meet with Clinical Departments for Residency Information
Senior Timeline

- May 2007
  - Receive results of Elective/Subinternship Lottery and make any adjustments
  - 5/29 Class of 2007 Commencement
  - All Month Early Match Registration on Web
    - Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology, Urology
  - Apply for / schedule USMLE Step 2 CK & CS
Senior Timeline

- **June 2007**
  - 6/7 Detailed Class Meeting re: Residency Application Process
  - Apply for and schedule USMLE Step 2 CK/CS

- **July 2007**
  - Complete clerkships, Primary Care II, Elective, Subinternship
  - Begin researching residency program info
  - Apply for and schedule USMLE Step 2 CK/CS
Senior Timeline

August 2007
- Take Primary Care II, Elective or SubI
- Register for National Residency Matching Program (NRMP) on-line [www.nrmp.org](http://www.nrmp.org)
- Begin requesting letters of recommendation
- Begin writing personal statement and CV
- Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) opens application on web
- Take USMLE Step 2 CK
Senior Timetable

- **September 2007**
  - September 1 - earliest day you can submit ERAS app
  - Work on/Complete ERAS application
  - Take Primary Care II, Elective or SubI
  - Early Match Deadlines Begin
  - Review Student Transcript for Accuracy
  - Continue writing personal statement and CV
  - Take USMLE Step 2 CK
Senior Timeline

- October 2007
  - Class Mtg - Residency Interviews Do’s & Don’ts
  - Take Primary Care II, Elective or SubI
  - Finalize ERAS app, personal statement by Oct 1
  - Submit transcript requests & fees
  - Follow-up Letters of Recommendation
  - Review Med Stud Perf Evaluation (aka Dean’s Let)
  - Take USMLE Step 2 CK and/or CS
Senior Timeline

- **November 2007**
  - Take Primary Care II, Elective or SubI
  - 11/1 Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) transmitted to programs
  - Follow-up Letters of Recommendation
  - Early Match Interviews
  - Some regular Match interviews begin
  - Take USMLE Step 2 CK and/or CS
Senior Timeline

- **December 2007**
  - Most students take this month off for early match and regular interviews
  - Review credits for graduation
  - Take USMLE Step 2 CK and/or CS - watch for scheduling conflict between interviews and exams.
  - **Information meeting Early Match/NRMP ranking**

- **January 2008**
  - Regular match interviews continue
  - Submit early match rank lists and receive early results
  - **Information meeting on NRMP ranking**
Senior Timeline

- **February 2008**
  - Submit regular match rank order list of residency choices
- **March 2008**
  - Emerging Concepts in Medicine - 2wk
  - Transition to Residency - 1 wk
  - 3/20 **Match Day** - Class of 2008! *(Tentative)*

- **May 28, 2008** **COMMENCEMENT!!**
Need Help?

- Assistance with your individual senior schedule, some resources:
  - Your Clinical Assistant Dean
  - Specialty Advisors
  - Sophie Christoforou, Associate Dean
  - Anne Shonbrun, Associate Registrar
  - Sandra Mingo, College of Medicine Coordinator
    - All registration, adding/dropping, grading issues