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
- 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](http://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 2009

- 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 2009

- 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 every month
  - (July - May) except December, January & March.
  - Special circumstances
- Dates coincide with elective dates for easy scheduling
- One-to-one switches are permitted
- Assignments will be e-mailed
  
  February 11th
Electives/Subinternships

- “Intramural”, or SUNY Downstate electives in the Course Selection Book on-line, to be taken July 2008 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.
  - Tentative dates are in your packet
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
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, 2009.
- 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: $1,025
- Score: Pass/Fail
- Register through NBME
- Registration for exam will begin this month
- Closest site: Philadelphia
- 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 September 1, August 1 for Ophthalmology, Urology and Child Neurology.
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 programs.

- 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 around Sept 15)*
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 the latter half of Sept, LOR’s can be sent in by prog deadlines which can be as late as 12/1.
Senior Timeline

- January/February 2008
  - 1/31 Deadline to return Clinical Assistant Dean preference forms
  - 2/8 Clin Assistant Dean Assignments e-mailed
  - 2/11 Primary Care II assignments sent via e-mail
  - 2/25 Remaining Core Clerkship Lottery Begins
  - 3/4 Deadline to enter on the web
Senior Timeline

- **March 2008**
  - Begin meeting with Clinical Assistant Deans
  - Begin to request info for off-campus electives
  - TBA AOA Specialty Forum Part I & II
  - **3/14** Core Clerkship Schedule e-mailed
  - **3/20** Match Day for Class of 2008
    - Come share the excitement!
Senior Timeline

- **April 2008 - Career Month!**
  - **4/1** Class Meeting - Constructing Your Senior Schedule and General Residency Information
  - **4/10** Clinical Skills Information Meeting
  - **TBA** Student-to-Student Residency Forum
  - **4/21 - 5/2** Elective/Subinternship Lottery Selections on Web and Submission of Clinical Schedule Planner
  - **All Month** - Meet with Clinical Departments for Residency Information
Senior Timeline

- **May 2008**
  - 5/12-5/16  Elective/SubI Add/Drop Period
  - 5/28  Class of 2008 Commencement
  - All Month  Early Program Registration on Web Ophthalmology, Urology, Child Neurology
  - Apply for / schedule USMLE Step 2 CK & CS
Senior Timeline

- **June 2008**
  - 6/5 Detailed Class Meeting re: Residency Application Process
  - Apply for and schedule USMLE Step 2 CK/CS

- **July 2008**
  - Complete clerkships; Primary Care II, Elective, Subinternship
  - Begin researching residency program info
  - Apply for and schedule USMLE Step 2 CK/CS
Senior Timeline

August 2008
- 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/CS
Senior Timetable

- **September 2008**
  - September 1 - earliest day you can submit ERAS app
  - Work on/Complete ERAS application
  - Take Primary Care II, Elective or SubI
  - Early Program Deadlines Begin
  - Review Student Transcript for Accuracy
  - Continue writing personal statement and CV
  - Take USMLE Step 2 CK/CS
October 2008

- 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 2008**
  - Take Primary Care II, Elective or SubI
  - 11/1 Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) transmitted to programs
  - Follow-up Letters of Recommendation
  - Early Program Interviews
  - Some regular Match interviews begin
  - Take USMLE Step 2 CK and/or CS
Senior Timeline

**December 2008**
- Most students take this month off for early program and regular interviews
- Review credits for graduation
- Take USMLE Step 2 CK and/or CS - watch for scheduling conflict between interviews and exams.

**January 2009**
- Regular match interviews continue
- **Deadline to take USMLE Step 2 CK and CS**
- Submit early program rank lists and receive early results
- **Information meeting on NRMP ranking**
Senior Timeline

- **February 2009**
  - Submit regular match rank order list of residency choices

- **March 2009**
  - Emerging Concepts in Medicine - 2wk
  - Transition to Residency - 1 wk
  - 3/19 **Match Day** - Class of 2009! *(Tentative)*

- **May 26, 2009** **COMMENCEMENT**
Need Help?

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