

## **Guidance for Away Electives for Class of 2021 at UCF COM**

Recently a national work group provided a recommendation on away rotations for 2020-2021 that indicated away rotations should be discouraged except under the following circumstances:

Learners who have a specialty interest and do not have access to a clinical experience with a residency program in that specialty in their school's system, and learners for whom an away rotation is required for graduation or accreditation requirements.

Individuals meeting these exceptions will limit the number of away rotations as much as possible, and students will consider geographically proximate programs, when appropriate, to meet learning needs.

1. UCF will conform to the guidance provided by specific specialties: <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-residency/article/specialty-response-covid-19>. Away rotations must be avoided unless the college does not have a home program in that discipline. In that case, students should go to a nearby ACGME program.
2. The College considers all programs at institutions with which it has an affiliation agreement as home programs. This would include all of the UCF/HCA residency programs at Osceola, Ocala, North Florida and Pensacola. This would also include the Pediatric GME Program at Nemours Children's Hospital and the IM GME program at NCH Healthcare System in Naples. Additionally, programs at Advent Health and Orlando Health are considered as local.
3. Students intending to apply to the following specialties: Anat/Clinical Pathology, Diagnostic Radiology, Dermatology, Interventional Radiology, Neurosurgery, Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics, Physical Medicine &

Rehabilitation, Plastic Surgery, Radiation Oncology, Urology and Vascular Surgery may apply for rotations at sites described in #4 below through VSLO starting May 19. Other students who feel they meet criteria for exemption to apply for rotations within Florida should contact Alisha Corsi, Registrar.

4. Students planning to apply to one of the specialties listed in #3 above should apply to specialty programs at other medical schools in Florida (UF, USF, UM, FAU, FSU, NOVA, Mayo Jacksonville), or hospital-based programs at Orlando Health, Advent Health and other ACGME-hospital based programs within Florida. Students should refer to specialty guidance documents on how many away rotations are permitted for their specialty, as attempting to do more than the recommended number of away rotations will be viewed negatively by programs.
5. Permission to travel to out of state rotations will only be granted in exceptional circumstances by prior approval. Students should submit an exemption request form to Alisha Corsi, Registrar, before applying to out of state programs.