

7-10-20 Martin Klapheke MD: **“PLAN C”** for M3/M4 Curriculum changes in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the coming weeks the UCF COM M3/M4 Subcommittee and Curriculum Committee, utilizing public health/medical consultation, will continue its ongoing assessment of whether M3/M4 students can engage in patient care activities. Because some specialties are affected by COVID-19 more than others (e.g., Internal Medicine currently has a greater COVID-19 inpatient census), some clerkships may not be able to begin at full capacity as planned on 8-10-20. If COVID-19 developments prevent all core clerkships from beginning 8-10-20, **“PLAN C”** is proposed as detailed below.

Highlights of the proposed schedule below:

- **Allows a “rolling” start date for the M3 core clerkships** depending upon community COVID-19 activity level.
- Aligns the M3 and M4 calendars as of 8-24-20, thus allowing nonclinical electives to be scheduled much more easily by M3 students. This also provides a more continuous M3-M4 experience, as the two years essentially blend into each other.
- Necessitates the addition of more nonclinical electives; I have asked for Andrea Berry and her team to help compile a list of all the new online remote rotations available through the AAMC’s iCollaborative, etc.

5-18-20 through 8-7-20: **Transition to Core Clerkships**

If M3 students are not able to start core clerkships 8-10-20:

8-10-20 to 8-14-20: **Vacation**

8-17-20 to 8-21-20: **Intersession 1**

8-24-20 to 9-18-20: **Block 1:** Nonclinical Elective

9-21-20 to 10-16-20: **Block 2:** Nonclinical Elective

10-19-20 to 11-13-20: **Block 3:** Nonclinical Elective

11-16-20-12-11-20: **Block 4:** Nonclinical Elective

12-14-20 to 12-18-20: **Intersession 2**

12-19-20 to 1-3-21: **Holiday Break**

1-4-21 to 1-29-21: **Block 5:** Core Clerkship

2-1-21 to 2-26-21: **Block 6:** Core Clerkship

3-1-21 to 3-26-21: **Block 7:** Core Clerkship

3-29-20 to 4-23-21: **Block 8:** Core Clerkship

4-26-21 to 4-30-21: **Vacation**

5-3-21 to 5-28-21: **Block 9:** Core Clerkship

5-31-21 to 6-25-21: **Block 10:** Core Clerkship

6-28-21 to 7-23-21: **Block 11:** Core Clerkship

7-26-21 to 8-20-21: **Block 12:** Core Clerkship

8-23-21 to 8-27-21: **Intersession 3**

8-30-21 to 9-24-21: **M4 Block 1**

With public health/medical consultation, COM administration can reassess prior to the start of each block whether students can return to patient care rotations.

This sample schedule shows M3 students starting core clerkships in January 2021, but they could start earlier if public health allows.

In this sample, four M4 nonclinical elective blocks have been moved to the start of the M3 year, and the core clerkships extend into what traditionally has been the beginning of the M4 year. The Curriculum Committee would need to revise the M4 year requirements accordingly (see below for suggestions).

9-27-21 to 10-22-21: **M4 Block 2**
10-25-21 to 11-19-21: **M4 Block 3**
11-22-21 to 12-17-21: **M4 Block 4**
12-18-21 to 1-9-22: **Holiday Break**
1-10-22 to 2-4-22: **M4 Block 5**
2-7-22 to 3-4-22: **M4 Block 6**
3-7-22 to 4-1-22: **M4 Block 7**
4-4-22 to 4-29-22: **M4 Block 8**
5-2-22 to 5-6-22: **M4 Capstone**
5-20-22: **Graduation**

7-3-20 Martin Klapheke MD **"PLAN C" if M4 students need to be pulled from patient care rotations:**

Class of 2021 M4 Academic Year:

M4 students are currently engaged in Block 2 (6-29-20 to 7-24-20).

- If COVID-19 activity requires that M4 students be pulled from patient care rotations, they will switch to nonclinical rotations. Again, this necessitates the addition of more nonclinical electives; I have asked for Andrea Berry and her team to help compile a list of all the new online remote rotations available through the AAMC's iCollaborative, etc.
- With public health/medical consultation, COM administration can reassess prior to the start of each block as to whether students can return to patient care rotations.
- The Curriculum Committee will need to consider changes to the M4 year requirements, but the year must continue to include:
 - The 4-week make-up rotation from the M3 core clerkship they missed and its respective NBME shelf exam
 - At least one Acting Internship
 - Either an Emergency Medicine or Critical Care rotation
- We must maintain at least the minimum number of weeks of instruction mandated by the LCME (134 weeks over the 4 years; at COM we currently provide about 20 more weeks than that).