

AWAY ROTATION CHECKLIST

The more informed you are about the away/audition rotation process the better off you'll be. We hope this checklist helps to relieve stress and confusion surrounding the application and overall process.

WHEN DO APPLICATIONS OPEN?

- Typically March 1

Keep in mind some specialties might open earlier if they have a different application cycle (Ophthalmology, Urology, Military Match, public health, etc.)

WHERE DO YOU DESIRE TO ATTEND RESIDENCY?

- Is it close to home, family and/or friends?
- Is it somewhere you've always dreamed of living?
- Have you heard great things about certain programs?
- Does your medical school have connections to any residency programs?
- Do certain programs of interest only interview if you have completed an audition with their program?

WHAT RESIDENCY ASPECTS ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU?

- Number of residents per class
- Clinic vs OR time
- Intern year rotations
- University - Community - Military - Rural
- Fellowship connections

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AUDITION ROTATION APPLICATION SPACES

- Program Website
- Clinician Nexus
- VSLO/VSAS
- Thalmus

APPLYING TO PROGRAMS

- Consider the timing/length of the auditions, travel, housing & cost
- Prepare 2-3 date blocks you would be able to audition
- CV
- Headshot
- Exam Scores
- Transcripts *uploaded by institution

- Are you unsure if you should do away rotations?
- Do you need help navigating the different application portals?
- Facing challenges in coordinating your program's rotations with away rotations?
- Are you struggling with what to write in your personal statement?

Away rotations can be stressful, see how our team can help.

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PROGRAM RESPONSE

- Follow up with program coordinator after 2-3 weeks expressing your desire to audition at their program

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION/QUESTIONS

- Send back the supplemental application/questions timely
- LOR is asked for at some programs
- Reach out to an editor for review, if needed

YOU HAVE BEEN OFFERED THE AUDITION

- Drivers License
- Background check (you might have to complete this on your own and send in the report)
- Money order to reserve your spot
- Vaccine records
- Complete forms/online portal from the program
- Transcripts
- Letter of Good Standing (your medical school can provide this)
- Insurance Verification

NOTIFY YOUR MEDICAL SCHOOL

- Coordinate any gaps in scheduling
- If necessary, connect your medical school and the program for documents required from the school directly

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TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

- Housing
- Flight
- Rental Car
- Meal Prep

PREPARE FOR THE AUDITION

- Review their website
- Research the current residents
- Determine a few reasons you would want to match at this program
- Prepare for an on the spot interview
- Bring an attitude excited to meet and spend time with the residents
- Activities might include: dinner, bonfire, golfing, swimming, etc.

**The program wants to get to know you and see if you would be a good fit for them*

AUDITION

- Build a pros and cons list of each audition you attend to evaluate down the road
 - Pros and Cons: Hospital environment, program lifestyle, resident wellness, mandatory events, schedule, community, etc.
- Enjoy your time in their environment and determine if you would want to train there
- Follow the audition with a hand written Thank You card to the residents and program director