

SUGGESTED ELECTIVE ROTATIONS PER SPECIALTY BASED ON STUDENT AND FACULTY INPUT

There are no specific electives that students need to complete prior to graduating. Students choose electives based on various criteria including specialty interest and seeking letters of recommendation for their ERAS application; away electives to get a better sense of a program and “audition”; enhancing one’s skills in a perceived area of deficit; conducting QI research with a faculty member; or choosing an elective that one thinks will be interesting and may never get the chance to do again (e.g., pediatric cardiology for a student applying into urology). Below is a list of suggested electives per specialty that may be useful to consider. This list was formulated from input from students, residency directors at BMC, and faculty.

Please discuss your elective options with your FSA and choose electives that best serve your needs and career interests.

Internal Medicine

- Renal
- Cardiology
- Pulmonary
- GI
- ID
- Heme
- Psychosomatic Medicine (essentially a psych sub-I)

- Ultrasound Elective
- MICU
- Correctional health elective (not during interview season, because you have to turn in your phone at the door)
- Dermatology
- ICM teaching elective
- Creating a teaching module in Medicine- work with IM faculty
- ED
- International health opportunities. I (WH) oversee the formal Exchange Program we have with Hadassah Medical School in Israel. We pay for students' airfare and provide free housing.

Pediatrics

- Adolescent Medicine
- Dermatology
- Sleep Medicine Elective: Particularly useful if interested in complex care.
- Pediatric ID
- Pediatric GI
- Pediatric Radiology
- Family Planning
- Breastfeeding
- ENT
- Sexual Assault and Trauma-Informed Care

OB/GYN

- Surgical Subspecialty
- QI
- Maternal Child Health
- Sexual Assault and Trauma-Informed Care
- Substance Use Disorder in Pregnancy
- SICU or MICU
- NICU
- Anesthesia
- Endocrine/Diabetes/Nutrition
- Anatomy

Surgery

- Morden service (surgical oncology)
- Thoracic
- Plastics
- Trauma Service
- SICU
- Anatomy
- Anesthesia

Family Medicine

- HART-IM: an integrative medicine elective in California
- Nutrition
- Dermatology
- Radiology

- QI
- Sports Medicine
- Addiction Medicine
- Adolescent Medicine
- Renal
- Maternal Child Health
- FM Advanced Outpatient elective
- FM 360 elective (still waiting for approval from the electives subcommittee)
- ICM teaching elective

Psychiatry

- Psychosomatic Medicine
- Addiction psychiatry
- Outpatient neurology
- Emergency medicine
- Medical advocacy (if interested in advocacy and social determinants of health)

Pathology

- Forensic Pathology
- Diagnostic Pathology
- Radiology
- Genome Editing and the Future of Medicine
- Research

Emergency Medicine

(Typically, students applying in this specialty do 1-2 away electives. Please note that many of the away rotations are off-schedule which may require using a vacation block to make the schedules align)

- SICU/MICU
- Anesthesia
- Orthopedics
- Ophthalmology
- Dermatology
- Medicine Subspecialties such as Cardiology, Palliative Care, Heme/Onc, Infectious Disease

Ophthalmology

- BU Ophthalmology rotation
- ENT
- Neuro Radiology
- Clinical Research Elective
- ID
- Rheumatology

Radiology

- Neuroradiology elective at BMC (lots of opportunity to join research projects)
- Psychosomatic Medicine
- ED Ultrasound

- Research elective

Neurology

- Stroke service
- Epilepsy
- Headache

Orthopedic Surgery

- Primary Care Sports Medicine
- MSK Radiology

Anesthesia

- SICU
- Cardiology
- Ultrasound

Urology

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- Emergency Renal Ultrasound
- Renal Pathology
- SICU
- Anatomy

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