



Field Specific Advisor Checklist: Student Edition

Initial Meeting

- Give background information (where you were born, college, interests, biosketch)
- Explain specialty choice
- Review extracurricular activities during medical school (research, publications, student activities groups, etc.)
- Print CV
- Provide your grades for all 3 years especially if any preclinical fails, Step remediation, or clerkship shelf fails (verbally or transcript)
- Discuss who your SAO Dean is
- Discuss your geographical preferences for residency
- Discuss any special circumstances (couples matching, visa issues, military or Canadian match)
- Discuss Sub Is
- Review 4th year schedule; as choices must be submitted in E* Value
- Discuss Away Rotations; pros/cons
- Discuss Letters of Recommendations

Subsequent Meetings:

- Have FSA sign off on your fourth-year schedule, July deadline and submit to registrar
- Formulate a realistic residency program list, while assessing competitiveness including signaling strategy
- Discuss backup residency plan, if necessary
- Check in post ERAS submission to discuss interviews selected and how interviews are going
- If <5-8 interviews by November 1 (depending on specialty choice), meet with FSA to discuss strategy for MATCH. Notify SAO Dean.
- Review Rank List prior to submission