Clerkship Decisions for MS-2’s

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Goals of clerkships

• Help to improve the health of the patients you will see
• Further develop your clinical reasoning, clinical skills
• further Explore career options
  – Academics?
  – Private practice?
  – Rural?
  – Larger community?
Clinical Curricular Requirements

Clinical Curriculum, 3\textsuperscript{rd} year

- Family Medicine (6 weeks)
- Internal Medicine (12 weeks)
- Obstetrics/Gynecology (6 weeks)
- Pediatrics (6 weeks)
- Psychiatry (6 weeks)
- Surgery (6 weeks)
- Elective (6 weeks)

48 weeks

Required clinical clerkships in third or fourth year:

- Emergency Medicine (4 weeks)
- Rehabilitation Medicine/Chronic Care (4 weeks)
- Neurology (4 weeks)
- Surgery Selectives (4 weeks)

Other electives (16 weeks)
UWSOM: three main options

- Tradition program
- Traditional program at a Track site
- Longitudinal integrated clerkship (LIC)

WRITE

Olympic (LIC)
What about career choices?

• All three options will prepare you well for your chosen career, and the match
Traditional Program (including Track): Clerkships are in blocks.

Traditional Third Year Schedule

- Family Medicine (6 weeks)
  Fairbanks, AK
- Surgery (6 weeks)
  Seattle, WA
- Pediatrics (6 weeks)
  Pocatello, ID
- OB/Gyn (6 weeks)
  Rock Springs, WY
- Psychiatry (6 weeks)
  Jackson, WY
- Medicine (12 weeks)
  Spokane, WA
- Elective Period (6 weeks)
## Traditional Program: Clerkships are in 1 of 8 sequences

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What about the order of clerkships?

Ultimately...
- It doesn’t matter
You do need to consider the elective period
  • life events
  • Step one prep time
  • Your wellness
What about Housing for traditional schedule?

- Most housing does **not** accommodate families or pets
- Transportation to sites, housing funded by UWSOM
Traditional schedule

Features

• Wide variety of practice settings
• Wide variety of community sizes
• Test drive different states, different systems
• Academic vs. community practices
• Academic centers = Residents
• Moving around
• Can be disruptive
What is a Track?

- 3rd year: 5/6 required 3rd year clerkships are in one region throughout the WWAMI region
- Most are state tracks; some are city tracks (Billings, Missoula, Spokane)
- Application process
Track options

Alaska

Billings

Missoula

Spokane

Idaho

Wyoming*

* (Wyoming rural clinical experience)
Track

• May or may not be in the same city the whole time

• Eg: Idaho Track:
  – Boise: 4, Pocatello: 1, Caldwell: 1
Track: Housing and transportation?

• Housing is **not** paid for in the home of record
• Housing **IS** paid for if you go to site other than the home base

• Eg: Idaho Track, living in Boise
  – Boise – not paid for.
  – Pocatello – paid for
Features of track

• Majority of rotations in one setting
• Students get familiar with one system.
• Students get to know the community physicians
• ?closer to home?
• Less disruptive
• Potentially beneficial for families

Note: Depending on students requests, You may not get the order of rotations that you request.
Another Option: Longitudinal integrated clerkships: (LIC’s):

The W.R.I.T.E. Program

- Approximately five-month program with a primary care preceptor in a rural area
- Longitudinal experience
- First set of rotation done at other sites
- 35 WRITE sites, 13 open slots

Olympia LIC
Features of WRITE

- Continuity of care
- Connection to one community
- Get to know what primary care practice is really like
- Students are extremely useful members of the team
- Often only student there
- Housing is paid for at WRITE site
Sample weekly WRITE schedule

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Traditional, Track

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1. Not all WRITE site experiences start at the same time
2. Not all WRITE site experiences are the same length
3. Not all WRITE sites are available
4. We preplan the rotations before or after you travel to your WRITE site
UWSOM

Expectation –

• You will travel

• 24 weeks outside Puget Sound area
What is Seattle/Puget Sound Region?

Roughly 50 mile radius.
Requests to be in Seattle/Puget Sound Region

The compelling reasons

1. personal illness, such that your health would be negatively impacted if you leave Seattle/Puget Sound Region
2. Family situation that would be significantly negatively impacted by being outside Seattle/Puget Sound
3. ill relative; you are only provider of support and help

If necessary make appointment with Connie Lamb
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Clerkship Scheduling 2015-2016

- **Sept 30, 2014**: MS2 Clerkship Talks (Part I):
  - Associate Dean for Curriculum overview
  - Regional Deans

- **Oct – Nov., 2014**: MS2 Clerkship Talks (Part II):
  - Round robin session for MS2s

- **Nov 18, 2014**: MS3 Track applications sent out

- **Dec 1, 2014**: Registrar completes MS3 scheduling

- **Dec 17, 2014**: MS3 Track Applications due to Curriculum

- **Jan 5, 2015**: Registrar provides paperwork/online survey to MS2s for 3rd year

- **Jan 22, 2015**: WRITE Interviews

- **Jan 30, 2015**: MS2s submit 3rd year surveys to Registrar

- **Feb 2 – April, 2015**: Registrar completes MS3 scheduling

Presentation materials posted on Curriculum website for review.
• Thank you.