

Residency Club Meeting #1: How to Pick the Best APPE Rotations

Presenter: Mara Keiser

- KNOW YOUR GOALS!! Residencies will match based on goals.
 - At a minimum, ballpark your goals
- Be open to possibilities and adventures
 - Can sort by interest and/or region on the clerkship site
 - 38 slots for the international rotations for the 2016-2017 year
 - Over 600 elective rotations in Madison and 250 in Milwaukee
- Choose back-up rotations just in case your first choices are already taken
- How to choose challenging sites/rotations
 - Thoroughly read the description of the site posted on the clerkship page
 - Pay particular attention to student activities
 - Sites do not wish for you to contact them prior to selecting the rotation
 - Talk to other students who have completed the rotation
 - Keep in mind that each student will have a unique experience – everyone has personal bias
- How to “time” your rotations
 - Utilize the ASHP residency online directory early
 - Pick blocks 1-4 in current areas of interest to possibly ask preceptors for letters of recommendation
 - Residency applications typically due January 1st
 - Blocks 5-6 in a community setting may be beneficial when studying for the MPJE exam
 - Some prefer to finish required rotations early on
- Recommended Reading: Choosing your fourth-year rotations wisely
 - Important points to take away:
 - Never choose the easiest rotations
 - Pick a variety of rotations even if it may not be an area of current interest
 - Don't let distance be a deciding factor
 - Knowing what you DO NOT want is a useful tool

Residency Club Fall Semester Tentative Discussion Topics

Demystifying the Midyear Meeting

Speaker: David Hager

Date: Early October

What Residency Directors Look for in Applicants

Speakers: Panel of Residency Directors

Date: Early November