



Specialty Advising: Pathology

Overview: Pathologists need to have a strong foundation in a wide variety of medical and surgical conditions as they relate to pathologic diagnosis, to include knowledge of anatomy, histology, and basic science principles. Students pursuing a career in pathology should focus on electives and selectives that give the student responsibility for establishing a diagnosis and provision of consultative experience. Choosing electives/selectives that remedy any self-identified knowledge gaps is recommended. Selectives are recommended based on service lines/specialties that will frequently utilize pathology directly through evaluation of patient procedural specimens, frequent pathology consultations and frequent interactions during multidisciplinary tumor boards and patient case conferences. [OPDA Guide for Pathology.](#)

Suggested Selectives/Sub-Internships:

- OBGY 4012- Gynecology/Oncology
- MEDI 4023- Clin Infectious Disease
- MEDI 4018- Clinical Hematology
- MEDI 4034- Oncology Consult Service
- MEDI 4078- HIV/AIDS Inpatient Service
- SURG 4002- Surgical Oncology

Suggested Electives:

- PATH 4001- Hematology
- PATH 4002- Blood Banking
- PATH 4003- Hematology/Blood Banking
- PATH 4004- Anatomic Pathology/Surgical Pathology
- PATH 4012- Anatomic Path: Fine Needle Aspiration
- PATH 4013- General Pathology Rotation (Overview of Anatomic and Clinical Pathology)
- PATH 4015- Forensic Pathology

Curriculum Elective Requirements for UME

Away Rotations:

They are not required. It may be useful to seek an away rotation if you have an interest in a certain program or location.

USMLE Step 2:

It is generally a good idea to have completed Step 2 prior to the interview season beginning. Interviews are typically held from October through January. Taking Step 2 early (before September 1st) will ensure your score is available when ERAS opens.

Pathology Bound Counseling:

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine offers individual career/application guidance to all students potentially interested in Pathology.

For Further information visit:

[College of American Pathologists- Medical Student Membership](#)

[College of American Pathologists- Medical Student Career Resources](#)

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