



Specialty Advising: Urology

Overview: Urology is a surgical specialty which deals with diseases of the male and female urinary tract and the male reproductive organs. Although urology is classified as a surgical specialty, knowledge of internal medicine, pediatrics, gynecology, and other specialties is required by the urologist due to the wide variety of clinical problems encountered. Students pursuing a career in urology should focus on electives and selectives that provide broad surgical and medical exposure. Choosing electives/selectives that remedy any self-identified knowledge gaps is recommended. [OPDA Guide for Urology.](#)

Suggested Selectives/Sub-Internships:

- UROL 4027- Urology Selective (Sub-Internship)
- MEDI 4066- Medical ICU Sub-Internship UH/VA
- SURG 4031- Transplant Surgery Selective

Ambulatory Care Selectives:

- SURG 4038- Rural Surgery (Ambulatory)
- PEDI 4031- Pediatric Nephrology (Ambulatory)
- MEDI 4025- Clinical Nephrology (Ambulatory)

Suggested Electives:

- SURG 4049 Surgical Internship Readiness Elective (Bootcamp)
- RAD 4001- Gen Diagnostic Radiology
- PATH 4004- Surgical Pathology
- UROL 4000- Special Topic
- UROL 7000- Off Campus Rotation in Urology

Curriculum Elective Requirements for UME

Away Rotations:

Purpose: evaluate program fit, broaden experience, obtain letters of recommendation. Away rotations are expected. OPDA recommends 1-3 away rotations; we recommend completing at least 2. It may be useful to seek an away rotation if you have an interest in a specific program or geographic location. Typically completed during early MS4 year (Periods 1-3).

USMLE Step 2:

Students should have completed Step 2 prior to application submission. Programs will want to review your score before offering interviews. Programs begin offering interviews on October 24th, with the preference list deadline on December 29th and match results released in early February. Taking Step 2 early (before September 1st) will ensure your score is available when ERAS opens. For full match timeline details visit: [AUA Urology and Specialty Matches.](#)

Urology Bound Counseling:

The Department of Urology offers individual career/application guidance to all students potentially interested in Urology. Students should have a strong foundation in these areas when applying to Urology.

- [AUA Medical Student Core Curriculum](#): mastery of core urology topics
- Genitourinary Anatomy: advanced understanding of pelvic and retroperitoneal anatomy
- Basic knowledge of Uroradiology (CT/MRI fundamentals) and Uropathology
- Basic surgical skills: fundamentals of cystoscopy and knot tying/suturing
- Early involvement in the Urology Interest Group and urological research activities
- For further information visit: [Urology Department LSOM Page](#)

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