



# Specialty Advising: Emergency Medicine

Overview: Emergency medicine physicians need to have a strong foundation in a wide variety of medical and surgical conditions. Students pursuing a career in emergency medicine should focus on electives and selectives that give the student responsibility for diagnosis and management of diverse patients. Choosing electives/selectives that remedy any self-identified knowledge gaps is recommended. [OPDA Guide for Emergency Medicine](#)

**\*Any student applying EM is required to completed EMED 4005 and will receive a SLOE from the rotation.**

## Suggested Selectives/Sub-Internships:

- EMED 4005- Emergency Medicine Selective (Ambulatory) (\*Required)
- FMED 4011- Acute Care of the Elderly (Inpatient)
- MEDI 4046- General Medicine Ward (Inpatient)
- MEDI 4066- Medical ICU (Inpatient)
- PEDI 4036- Pedi Critical Care (Inpatient)
- SURG 4047- Emergency Surgery (Inpatient)
- ORTO 4006- Adult Reconstruction in Ortho (Inpatient)

## Suggested Electives Offered through Department of EM:

- EMED 4006- Toxicology and Poison Center
- EMED 4051- Emergency Ultrasound
- EMED 4007- Wilderness Medicine
- EMED 4008- Global Health
- EMED 4060- Disaster in Medicine, Climate Change, Emergency Preparedness

\*Curriculum Elective Requirements for UME

## Away Rotations:

**Required.** A student applying to emergency medicine must have two standard letters of evaluation (SLOEs). One may be from your home institution (EMED 4005) and the other from an away rotation. Often students will complete more than one away rotation because of interest in a particular program, but only one is required. Away rotations are typically done early in the year (Period 12-3) to obtain SLOEs by the time ResidencyCAS opens and you submit your application.

## USMLE Step 2:

Step 2 needs to be completed/scored by the time applications are submitted. Programs will want to review your score before offering interviews.

## EM Bound Counseling:

The Department of Emergency Medicine offers individual career/application guidance to all students potentially interested in EM. An email will be sent to all students in the winter inviting them to a group session. After the group session, students will be scheduled to meet individually with Dr. Dolson (Clerkship Director) or Dr. Pilkey (Assistant Clerkship Director). For further information visit the [EMRA Student Advising guide](#).

## LSOM Specialty/Career Advisors:

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