

Hello everyone, To make sure that everyone has all the information on changes which have been decided regarding schedules and those that are upcoming regarding application and interview cycles I have summarized them below.

- If you have not seen the national recommendations for 4th year rotations and interview season, the document is attached above.
- Many specialty societies/residency groups have also made specialty specific recommendations. You can find these here: <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-residency/article/specialty-response-covid-19/>
- Away rotations: UMEC (formerly MCC) has approved a plan to limit students to 0-1 away rotation for the coming year. This limits travel and allows for the limited away rotation spots available nationally to be accessed by as many students as possible who need them.
 - A single away rotation will be allowed only in the case that either:
 - UND SMHS does not have a residency in the specialty to which you are applying or
 - The rotation you will be participating in does not exist at UND (for example gyn oncology) and is necessary for your education
 - Students will gain approval and enroll in these away electives in the manner spelled out in the away elective approval procedure (attached) with the additional above limitations on rotation numbers and specialties
 - No international rotations will be approved in the 20-21 academic year.
- You will continue to be required to complete one UND SMHS Acting Internship in the 4th year and 4 weeks on a rural clinical rotation (3rd or 4th year).
- Residency Application and Interview Cycle
 - It is recommended that all residency interviews are conducted virtually for the 2021 Match.
 - UND SMHS affiliated residencies will be conducting all interviews (including for local candidates) virtually.
 - The ERAS release date of applications to residency programs and release of the MSPE (Dean's Letter) have both been delayed to October 21, 2020.
 - ERAS is still opening for application submission on 9/1/20 so you will have the entire time between that date and 10/20 to finalize your applications.
 - Rank list timing will be changed to opening 2/1/21 and rank list deadline 3/3/21
 - The dates for SOAP (3/15/21-3/18/21) and Match Day (3/19/21) have not changed
 - Ophthalmology match dates have changed and are posted at the specialty link in the third line of this e-mail if that applies to you.
- Step exams: Please check on your step 2 CK exam scheduled date to confirm it is still in place. There have been students who did not receive a cancellation notice but whose date was cancelled.
- Step 2 CS is suspended for the next 12-18 months.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or your campus dean with any questions. I will plan to continue sending informational updates as major changes occur.

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