Dermatologists need to have a strong foundation in a wide variety of medical problems as many dermatologic conditions are manifestations of systemic disease. Students pursuing a career in dermatology 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.

**Suggested Selectives/Sub-Internships:**
- MED 4010 – Clinical Dermatology (Ambulatory)
- FMED 4020 – Family Medicine Preceptorship (Ambulatory)
- MED 4046 – General Medicine Ward (Inpatient)
- PEDI 4003 – General Pediatrics (Ambulatory)
- PEDI 4040 – Inpatient Pediatrics (Inpatient)

**Suggested Electives:**
- FMED 4018 – Office Procedures
- PEDI 4016 – Pedi Allergy/Immunology/Infectious Disease
- MED 4023 – Clinical Infectious Disease
- MED 4049 – Clinical Rheumatology

**Away Rotations:**
They are generally recommended but not required. Away rotations can demonstrate interest in a specific program. Programs are not under any obligation to interview students who participate in an away rotation.

**USMLE Step 2 CK/CS:**
It is generally a good idea to have completed both Step 2 CK/CS prior to the interview season beginning. Interviews are typically held from November/December into January. Taking Step 2 CK early (before Sept. 1st) will ensure your score is available when ERAS opens.

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