Internal medicine physicians must have a strong foundation in a wide variety of medical problems. Students pursuing a career in internal medicine should focus on electives and selectives that give the student responsibility for diagnosis and management of diverse patients. Use the time available to you during your MS4 year to remedy any self-identified gaps in knowledge.

**Suggested Selectives/Sub-Internships:**
- MEDI 4043 – Clinical Chest Disease Consult (Ambulatory)
- MEDI 4046 – General Medicine Ward Sub-I (Inpatient)
- MEDI 4049 – Clinical Rheumatology (Ambulatory)
- MEDI 4066 – UH/VA MICU (Inpatient)
- MEDI 4079 – Clinical Preceptorship General Internal Medicine (Ambulatory)

**Suggested Electives:**
- MEDI 4077 – EKG Interpretation
- PSYC 4001 – Clinical Psychiatry
- RADI 4001 – General Diagnostic Radiology
- REHB 4002 – Intro Inpatient Rehabilitation
- Any elective in the following departments:
  - General Surgery and subspecialties
  - Family Medicine
  - Internal Medicine and subspecialties
  - Neurology

**Away Rotations:**

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

**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 mid-October through mid-January. Taking Step 2 CK early (before Sept. 1st) will ensure your score is available when ERAS opens.

*For further information visit the [“American College of Physicians – Medical Student Career Path”](#)*

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