Pediatricians need to have a strong foundation in a wide variety of medical and surgical problems as they relate to children. Students pursuing a career in pediatrics should focus on electives and selectives that give the student responsibility for diagnosis and management of diverse patients spanning birth to early adulthood. Use the time available to you during your MS4 year to remedy any self-identified gaps in knowledge.

**Suggested Selectives/Sub-Internships:**
- PEDI 4003 – General Pediatrics Selective (Ambulatory)
- PEDI 4006 – Pediatric Cardiology (Ambulatory)
- PEDI 4013 – Pediatric Hematology/Oncology (Ambulatory)
- PEDI 4023 – Neonatology (Inpatient)
- PEDI 4036 – Pediatric Critical Care (Inpatient)
- PEDI 4040 – Inpatient Pediatrics (Inpatient)

**Suggested Electives:**
- MEDI 4077 – EKG Interpretation
- ORTO 4008 – Pedi Orthopedics
- PSYC 4023 – Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
- RADI 4006 – Pediatric Radiology
- SURG 4037 – Pediatric Surgery

**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 December. Taking Step 2 CK early (before Sept. 1st) will ensure your score is available when ERAS opens.

*For further information visit the [American Academy of Pediatrics “Path to Pediatrics: Medical School”](https://www.aap.org/education/pediatrics-medical-school/)*

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