M4 Student Program
The director of this program is Rishi Reddy, MD. The coordinator is Kimberly Bologna. Give your name to Kimberly Bologna (kabolog@med.umich.edu, 734-232-9463) in Surgery Education if you think you may be interested in pursuing a General, Plastics, Cardio-thoracic, or Vascular Surgery residency so that she can alert you of scheduled activities designed to facilitate your career development as a surgeon and the residency application process. Kimberly will help you secure a faculty mentor for the application process. We will coordinate 2-3 summer “information” sessions with Surgery faculty and residents, covering Personal Statements, Interview Skills, Letters of Recommendation, etc.

Sub-Internship
Surgery is recommended for at least one of your required sub-internships. You should include the ICU requirement as part of your sub-internship.

Electives
Surgical Bootcamp (run by Dr. David Hughes, Period 10) is an M4 elective offered to 4th year students who are planning to match into Surgery or one of the surgical subspecialties (THIS IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY THAT EVERYONE SHOULD PLAN ON PARTICIPATING IN). One to two months should be on the Internal Medicine Consult Service in the subspecialty of your choice - some of the more useful areas for a future surgical intern would include: Cardiology, GI Medicine, Infectious Disease, or Renal Medicine.

Additional Courses
Take those courses that you are not likely to see again. These would include, but are not limited to, Radiology, Pathology, or Anesthesiology.

Away Rotations
If you are planning to do an away rotation, plan to do it early (June to October if possible). Planning should begin in January or February of your 3rd year as Away-surgery rotations are difficult to attain.

Interviews
Most Surgery programs interview from early November through January, but there is considerable variability, and interviews may move up to late October.

Most students apply to 12-20 programs with the goal of interviewing at least 10 programs.