Senior Year Guidelines for Students Interested in Pursuing a Career in Urology

Sub-Internship

Sub-internships in Urology should be done early in the 4th year because Urology participates in the early residency match program.

Your rotation is 4 weeks long. During this time you will pick two of the 4 specialty services to rotate on for one week each. These include:

- Oncology: The division of oncology specializes in nerve-sparing prostatectomy, robotic cystectomy and neobladder creation, retroperitoneal lymphadenectomy for testicular cancers, and minimally invasive partial nephrectomy.

- Endourology: The division of Endourology is one of our comprehensive kidney stone centers, where patient can undergo ureteroscopy, percutaneous surgery, and extra-corporeal shock wave lithotripsy. Our most common laparoscopic/robotic procedures are partial nephrectomy and pyeloplasty.

- Neurourology and Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery (NPR) Female Urology & Male Reconstruction: specializes in research and treatment of disorders related to bladder dysfunction — including urinary incontinence, urinary retention, and neurogenic bladder, urinary fistulas, vaginal mesh complications, pelvic organ prolapse, radiation complications, and interstitial cystitis.


*The other two weeks will consist of: pediatric urology for one week and the remaining week will be determined by the Clerkship Director/ Program Director based on availability.

There are several basic Urologic textbooks that are excellent resources for students. We recommend the Pocket Guide to Urology which will be provided to rotating students as a gift from the Department of Urology.

We encourage you to go to our Urology external home page and read more about our department and staff at https://medicine.umich.edu/dept/urology
Advice to Students Who Want to Match to Urology:

**Electives**
One to three 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, Infectious Disease, Renal Medicine.

A rotation in one of the Intensive Care Units may also be beneficial.

**For Additional Courses**
Take those courses that you are not likely to see again but would be useful to your future career. These would include, but are not limited to, Radiology, Anesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, Surgical Pathology. If you plan on completing a radiology elective, it is very useful to concentrate on imaging studies related to the urinary system.

**Research:**
Most students participate in research in a surgical field prior to applying to a urology residency. If you would like to discuss potential research projects please call our office and we can help.