Residency Club Meeting #1: How to Pick the Best APPE Rotations

Presenter: Mara Keiser

• KNOW YOUR GOALS!! Residencies will match based on goals.
  o At a minimum, ballpark your goals
• Be open to possibilities and adventures
  o Can sort by interest and/or region on the clerkship site
  o 38 slots for the international rotations for the 2016-2017 year
  o Over 600 elective rotations in Madison and 250 in Milwaukee
• Choose back-up rotations just in case your first choices are already taken
• How to choose challenging sites/rotations
  o Thoroughly read the description of the site posted on the clerkship page
    ▪ Pay particular attention to student activities
  o Sites do not wish for you to contact them prior to selecting the rotation
  o Talk to other students who have completed the rotation
    ▪ Keep in mind that each student will have a unique experience – everyone has personal bias
• How to “time” your rotations
  o Utilize the ASHP residency online directory early
  o Pick blocks 1-4 in current areas of interest to possibly ask preceptors for letters of recommendation
  o Residency applications typically due January 1st
  o Blocks 5-6 in a community setting may be beneficial when studying for the MPJE exam
  o Some prefer to finish required rotations early on
• Recommended Reading: Choosing your fourth-year rotations wisely
  o Important points to take away:
    ▪ Never choose the easiest rotations
    ▪ Pick a variety of rotations even if it may not be an area of current interest
    ▪ Don’t let distance be a deciding factor
    ▪ Knowing what you DO NOT want is a useful tool

Residency Club Fall Semester Tentative Discussion Topics

Demystifying the Midyear Meeting

Speaker: David Hager
Date: Early October

What Residency Directors Look for in Applicants

Speakers: Panel of Residency Directors
Date: Early November