

Dear Interns to be,

First, congratulations on your transition towards internship. At this point in your education it is important to consider how you want to shape your clinical experience. The largest part of this is taking full advantage of each clinic shift and learning what each doctor's personal approach and experience have to offer. You all know there are many different approaches to our medicine represented in the clinic. As such we recognize the value of providing an opportunity for you to work with the same doctor for a guaranteed minimum of one rotation each during the Fall, Winter and Spring quarters in what is called a Fixed Rotation. This allows you to have one clinic rotation which you will maintain for 36 weeks, allowing you to have patient continuity and work closely with one doctor and one style throughout the year. Each term, in addition to this one fixed rotation, you will also have 2-3 rotations which are supervised by different doctors to ensure you get a diverse exposure to the medicine.

The process for applying for your fixed rotation is as follows:

#1) You will write a short letter to doctors that you wish to fix" with. (You may write more than one letter.) This letter should express why you are interested in choosing them as your mentor for the fixed rotation series. **Please give this letter to the doctor(s).**

#2) In addition, please provide Francine with your top three fixed rotation selections. She will utilize this in helping to place all the students on fixed rotations.

Please have these letters and requests to the doctors and Francine by May 3rd.

Once the doctors receive their letters of request they will review them and provide Francine with their priority selections. She will then match the doctors and students based on the preferences.

Doctors are limited to having only half of their clinic shift with fixed students allowing others to be able to take the rotation and experience their styles. As such it can be a difficult decision process on both ends. Although it is common for students to get their first choice, we cannot guarantee that this will be the case.

I do want to clarify this is different than Traditional Mentorship Tutorial (TMT) which you all received information about recently. Traditional Mentorship Tutorial is a 2 hour/credit class which you will attend weekly with a specific doctor of your choosing (who is offering/teaching TMT). This class may contain clinical work, but is often the theoretical underpinnings of what they do in clinic. You do not need to be taking a TMT from the same doctor as you are fixed with but you can if you wish.

I hope this clarifies the process and Francine looks forward to getting your letters and preferences soon.

Please email, stop by, or call with any questions,

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