

# CAREER ADVISING PROGRAM

## Exploration (MS2)

### SUMMER

#### July

- Begin gathering basic information about specialties of interest
- Utilize your Career Advising Portfolio to keep track of your assessment results to discuss with your career advisor

#### August

- Plan activities with Student Interest Groups
- CiM presents Anesthesiology
- Consider the competitiveness of specialties that interest you to optimize your medical school career and maximize your residency candidacy

#### September

- Research shadowing opportunities with physicians in field of interest (at least two)
- Attend Specialty Interest Group events throughout the year
- CiM presents Neurosurgery

### FALL

#### October

- Set-up meetings with physicians in specialties that you are interested in
- Prepare a list of questions to ask
- Compare specialties utilizing the CiM specialty comparison tool
- CiM presents Radiology

#### November

- CiM presents Otolaryngology
- CiM presents Ophthalmology
- Start thinking about your third year; if unsure about specialty preference consider taking the Keirsey Temperament Sorter (KTS) for further elucidation

#### December

- Start study plan for the USMLE
- CiM presents Pathology
- Consider the competitiveness of specialties that interest you to optimize your medical school career and maximize your residency candidacy

### WINTER

#### January

- Consider taking advantage of individual career counseling sessions offered throughout the year. Review assessments and portfolio with advisor
- CiM presents Orthopedics
- Planning for Third Year Workshop

#### February

- Hand over leadership/responsibilities for Student Organizations/SIG Groups; make sure all required paperwork is completed
- CiM presents Urology
- CiM presents PMNR
- Narrow your search to a workable list of specialties as you gather more information and become more assured about which specialties would be a good fit

### SPRING

#### March

- USMLE Exam window opens
- CiM Spotlight on Disaster Medicine
- CiM presents CV Preparation Workshop
- CiM presents Dermatology

#### April

- Kaplan USMLE Boot Camp starts
- CiM presents Plastic Surgery

#### May

- CiM Spotlight on Radiation Oncology
- Complete CiM assessments and discuss results with your career advisor
- Plan for your upcoming clinical rotations
- If you are having trouble identifying your preferred specialties, complete the Specialty Indecision Scale (SIS)