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**GENERAL INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS
PLANNING A RESIDENCY IN INTERNAL MEDICINE**

If you are planning to enter a residency in Internal Medicine, you will want to plan a fourth year with the greatest possible educational value. You should choose electives which offer an adequate number of clinical experiences. Most importantly, you should be sure that you will have a degree of responsibility appropriate to your advanced educational status. Also, it is very important that your clinical work be reviewed and supervised by attending physicians who are skilled and experienced in medical education. Senior electives represent excellent opportunities for you to develop close personal relationships with members of the faculty in Internal Medicine. In turn, you will undoubtedly be asking some of your faculty attendings to write letters of recommendation in support of your residency application.

As a rule, Internal Medicine residency programs do not specify subjects for senior elective courses, nor specific numbers of Internal Medicine electives. Certainly, our residency program has no such requirements. Selection of specific electives is best discussed between you and your advisor. We simply offer the guidelines that your residency application and career in Internal Medicine will best be served if the electives have adequate clinical breadth and depth and are supervised by experienced and knowledgeable medical school faculty.

The Department of Internal Medicine offers a variety of electives, including various inpatient services of internal medicine, cardiology, nephrology, oncology, and critical care. The Department also sponsors a block rotation in ambulatory internal medicine, in addition to subspecialty consultative rotations in pulmonary medicine, cardiology, nephrology, endocrinology, and oncology. We are delighted to teach senior medical students in all these rotations.

Our residency and elective advisors will be delighted to meet with you to discuss your choice of electives. Internal Medicine and Med/Peds Program Directors are available to discuss senior electives and postgraduate training programs with you. They can be reached by calling (713) 500-6516.

Best wishes for success in your career in Internal Medicine.