

PATHOLOGY

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General Information for Students Planning a Residency in Pathology

The student interested in Pathology is advised to take one or two electives early in the year. The purpose is to confirm an interest and affinity for pathology as a career. The rest of the year is best spent in other clinical disciplines since an understanding of clinical issues is important in the successful practice of Pathology.

Students planning to enter other specialties will also benefit from pathology electives. Those entering surgery, obstetrics/gynecology or radiology can review anatomy and examine surgical and cytology specimens during an anatomic pathology rotation. A clinical pathology (laboratory medicine) rotation is of particular benefit to students entering internal medicine, family medicine or pediatrics, acquainting them with the uses of laboratory tests, smears and blood component transfusion procedures.
