We believe the conclusions and recommendations of the GPEP (General Professional Education of Physicians) report from the AAMC are correct in that excessive specialization is detrimental to a broad medical education. In addition, multiple electives outside the institution in one sub-specialty should be discouraged.

For students interested in neurology, the desired broad medical education would include the cognate areas of internal medicine, pediatrics, neurosurgery, psychiatry, pathology, and neuro-oncology/pain. Research experience, either basic or clinical, is highly desirable. Medical or surgical specialties having less impact on the medical education of students interested in neurology are general surgery, Ob/Gyn, dermatology, and anesthesia.

At a maximum, students interested in neurology should not have more than one clerkship and externship in Neurology at UT-HMS and one neurology clerkship outside the institution.