INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE:

Students may be interested in specialties to which they are not exposed during M3 year. In order to explore these other areas, students may wish to complete a clinical or research elective. The purpose of this policy is to formalize guidelines for scheduling an elective rotation for optional career exploration during the M3 year.

CANCELLATION:

N/A

SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY:

This policy applies to all CMS students.

POLICY STATEMENTS:

All students are required to complete four weeks of Neurology Clerkship.

All students are scheduled into Neurology during the M3 Lottery.

Students who meet eligibility standards and process requirements have the opportunity to postpone the Neurology Clerkship from M3 to M4 year.

Student Considerations:

1) Students may be interested in specialties to which they are not exposed during M3 year, and may wish to confirm their career interest as an M3 by setting up a clinical or research elective. Examples of rotations include Radiology, Orthopedic Surgery, Ophthalmology, Plastic Surgery, and Dermatology.

2) Students are allowed to earn up to 12 weeks elective credit in any one specialty during M4 year. When a student completes four weeks of this specialty during M3 year, they are limited to earning eight additional weeks of credit in the same specialty as an M4. Most students opt to complete all 12 weeks of credit in their chosen
DEFINITIONS:

Postpone: To Postpone the Neurology clerkship is to complete it during the M4 year.

PROCEDURES:

Students must meet the eligibility standards in order to postpone Neurology.

Eligibility Standards:

1) All students are scheduled into Neurology during the clerkship lottery in April of M3 year.
2) Students must take and pass USMLE Step 1.
3) Students must meet with the Manager of M4 Education in order to gain approval and access to electives at least 90 days prior to the rotation start date.
4) If approved, students must apply for and secure a visiting student elective at either an LCME accredited institution or an institution with which CMS currently has an affiliation agreement.
5) Students must secure the elective for credit towards graduation by working with the Manager of M4 Education.
6) Students must confirm their removal from M3 Neurology to the Director of Student Affairs and Career Development at least 30 days prior to the start date.

CMS Process to schedule Neurology into the M4 year:

1) The Neurology clerkship must be completed by April 1st of the year in which the student intends to graduate.
2) M4 students who postpone Neurology will be scheduled into available spots after the M3 Lottery has taken place.

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REFERENCES AND RELATED POLICIES:

N/A