

Class of 2024

M3

Orientation:  
Part 1

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January 24, 2022

1:00-4:00pm CST





# Topics to Cover:



M3 CURRICULUM  
AND REQUIREMENTS



HARDSHIP AND EAST  
ONLY



HOUSING



STEP EXAMS



ABSENCES, BREAKS,  
AND DELAYS



CLERKSHIP POLICIES  
AND GRADING

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# Where to get information about M3 & M4 years:

M3 Orientation: Part 1 – January 24, 2022

M3 Orientation: Part 2 – January 31, 2022

Prep for Clerkships week – April 25-29, 2022

OLSEN (working on updating and revising this!)

Clerkship Directors and Clerkship Coordinators

Academic Deans and OME staff

Current M3 and M4 students

# Prep for Clerkships Week

April 25-29, 2022

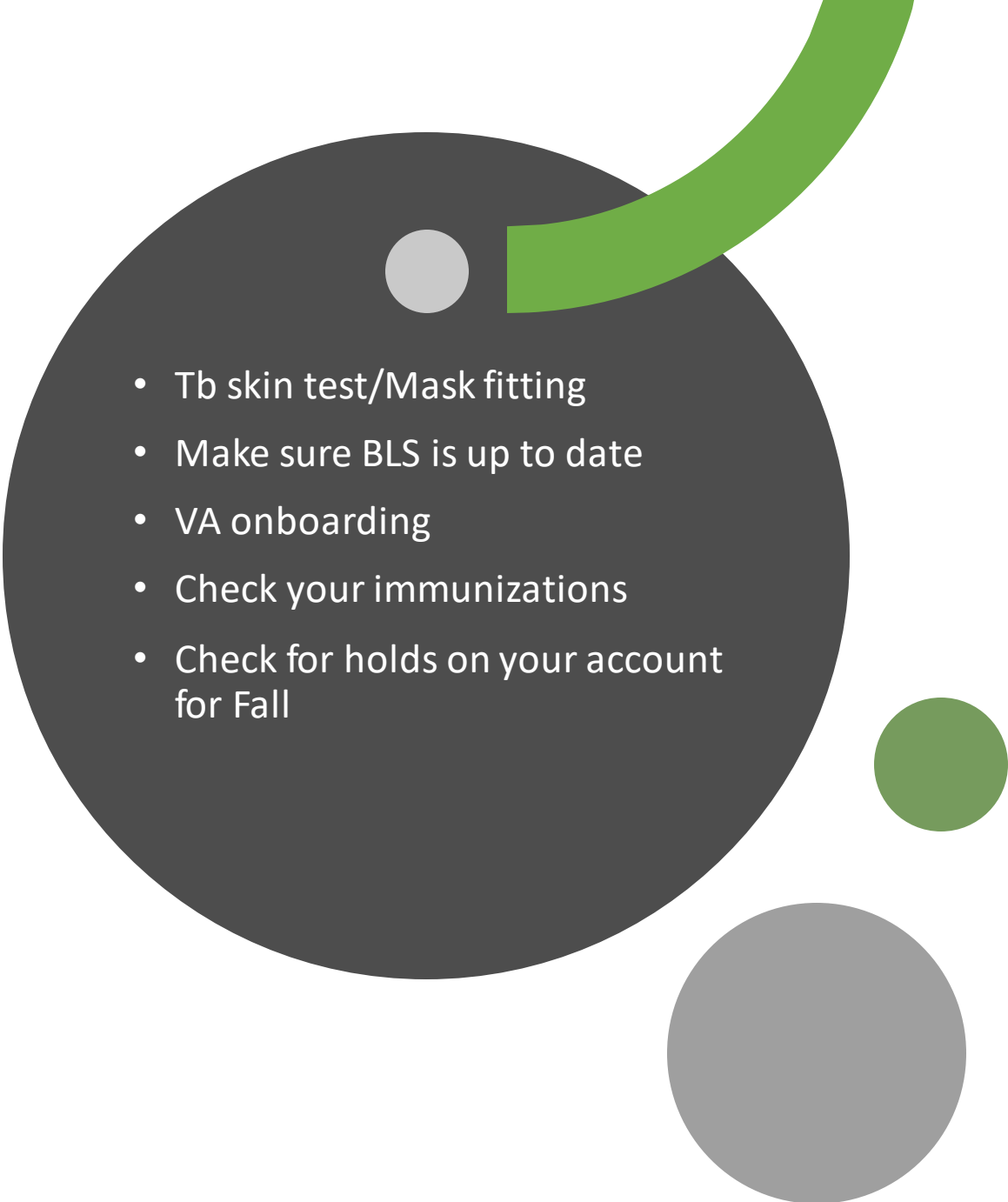
Mandatory for all rising M3 students

Anticipate all in-person sessions this year

HIPAA, Sterile technique, CPR, Blood and Fluids, Communication, EMR, Clerkship Policies, Risk Management, Clinical Skills sessions

Watch for emails from Kimberlee Norwood

Things to  
get done  
while taking  
a break  
from Anki

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- Tb skin test/Mask fitting
  - Make sure BLS is up to date
  - VA onboarding
  - Check your immunizations
  - Check for holds on your account for Fall



# DON'T FORGET:

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- Registration for UTHSC Fall 2022 semester is typically late April through June 2022
  - You will be block enrolled in LSP (no PCM this year)
  - Late fees will apply
  - Fall semester starts July 1
  - Check for holds on your account!



# Welcome to the M3 Year!

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- This is everything you've been waiting for...
- Apply what you've learned from the past 2 years to actual patients.
- Become more comfortable talking to and examining patients.
- Develop and then hone your clinical reasoning.
- Experience different specialties. Keep an open mind. You may be surprised what you like and what you don't.
- Talk to residents and attendings about their careers.
- A year for both personal and professional development.





Acting like a Physician →

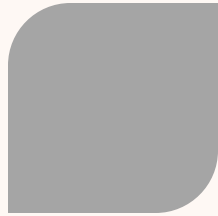
Becoming a Physician



# Do yourself a favor...as you move through each clerkship take time to:



REFLECT ON WHAT YOU LIKED ABOUT THE ROTATION.



REFLECT ON WHAT YOU DID NOT LIKE ABOUT THE ROTATION.



CONSIDER THE LIFESTYLE.



CONSIDER THE DAY-TO-DAY "BREAD AND BUTTER" OF THE SPECIALTY.



BE IN TUNE WITH YOUR OWN FEELINGS AND MOTIVATIONS.



BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH PATIENTS AND TEAMMATES.



LEARN AS MUCH AS YOU CAN FROM EVERYONE AND EVERY ROTATION.



KEEP AN OPEN MIND.

Clerkship

Requirements



		JUL.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.		
<b>PRECLINICAL PHASE</b>	<b>FIRST YEAR</b>		Orientation Week	Structural Basis of Normal Body Function Molecular Basis of Normal Body Function				Winter Break	Common Mechanisms of Disease		Organ Systems – Pathogenesis/ Diagnosis/Treatment: Hematological, Cardiovascular, Renal		Summer Break		
		Principles of Clinical Medicine (PCM) – I				Principles of Clinical Medicine (PCM) – II									
		Longitudinal Scholars Project (LSP) 1.2													
<b>PRECLINICAL PHASE</b>	<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	Organ Systems – Pathogenesis/Diagnosis/Treatment:													
		Pulmonary, Rheumatic, Musculoskeletal, Dermatological			Endocrine, Reproductive/ Breast, Urogenital, GI Liver				Winter Break	Central- Peripheral Nervous Systems & Psychiatry		ID Wrap-up	USMLE Step 1	PCM – V	Start of Core Clerkships
		Principles of Clinical Medicine (PCM) – III						Principles of Clinical Medicine (PCM) – IV							
		Longitudinal Scholars Project (LSP) 2.1						Longitudinal Scholars Project (LSP) 2.2							
<b>Core Clerkships include:</b> Family Medicine – 6 weeks Medicine – 8 weeks Neurology – 4 weeks Obstetrics/Gynecology – 6 weeks Pediatrics – 6 weeks Psychiatry – 4 weeks Surgery – 8 weeks Career Exploration Electives – 4 to 6 weeks (~2-week Winter Break)															
<b>CLINICAL PHASE</b>	<b>THIRD YEAR</b>	Longitudinal Scholars Project (LSP) 3.1						Longitudinal Scholars Project (LSP) 3.2							
		Geriatric-Palliative – 4 weeks Junior Internship #1 – 4 weeks Junior Internship #2 – 4 weeks Capstone – 4 weeks Electives (4 total) – 16 weeks Option Blocks - 20 weeks (~2-week Winter Break)													
		Principles of Clinical Medicine (PCM) – VI													
		Longitudinal Scholars Project (LSP) 4.1						Longitudinal Scholars Project (LSP) 4.2							
		USMLE Step 2 CK, CS													

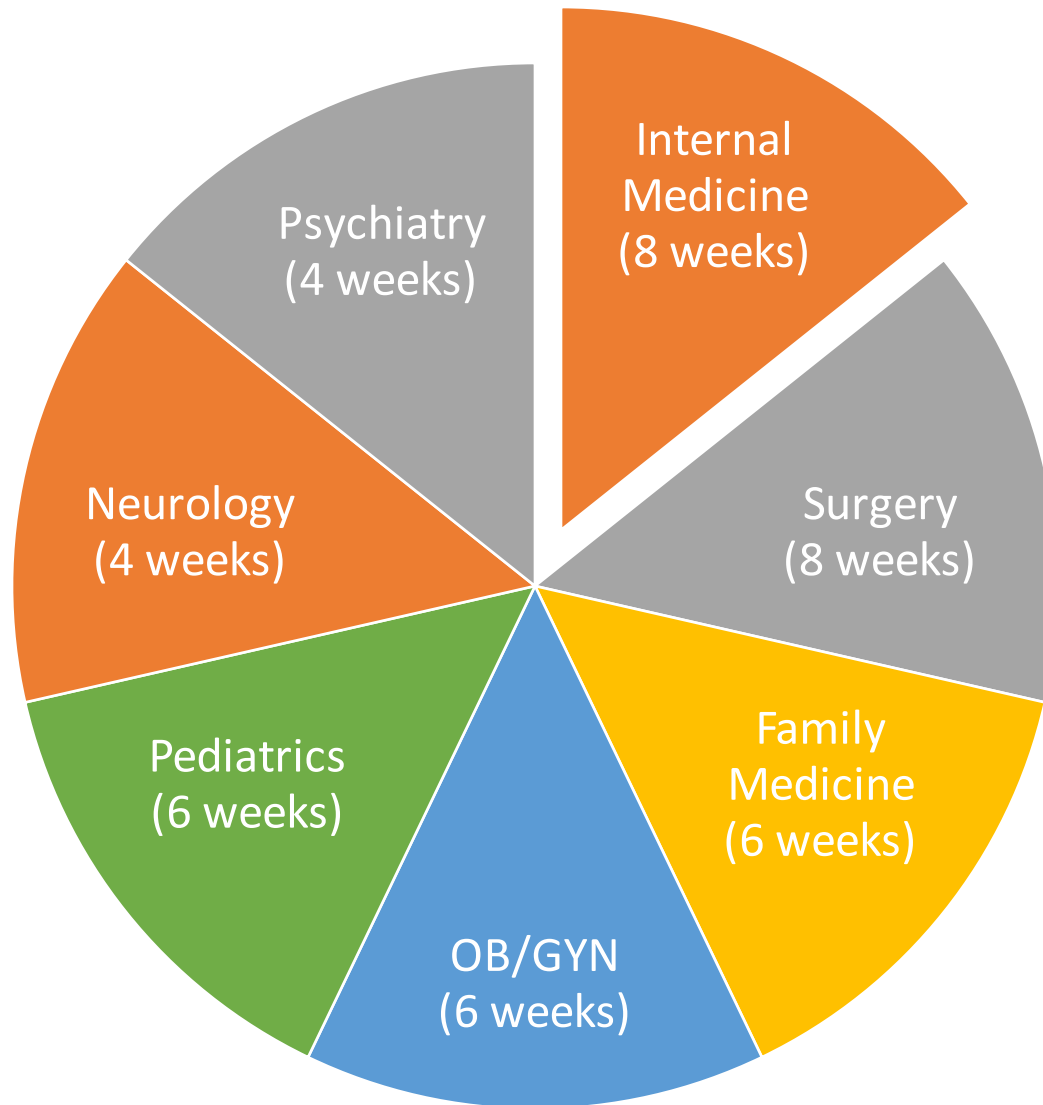
# Clinical Rotation Calendar 2022-2023

- Holidays: Memorial Day, Labor Day, MLK Day
- Thanksgiving break: November 19-27, 2022
- Winter break:  
Dec 17, 2022 – Jan 2, 2023
- Spring break:  
March 25 – April 2, 2023

## COLLEGE OF MEDICINE – CLINICAL ROTATION CALENDAR 2022-2023

Block Length in Weeks				Block Start Date	Block End Date
8	6	4	2		
5 & 6	C	5	5H.1	May 2, 2022*	May 13, 2022
			5H.2	May 16, 2022	May 27, 2022
	D	6	6H.1	May 31, 2022	Jun 10, 2022
			6H.2	June 13, 2022	Jun 24, 2022
7 & 8	D	7	7H.1	June 27, 2022	Jul 8, 2022
			7H.2	July 11, 2022	Jul 22, 2022
	E	8	8H.1	Jul 25, 2022	Aug 5, 2022
			8H.2	Aug 8, 2022	Aug 19, 2022
9 & 10	F	9	9H.1	Aug 22, 2022	Sept 2, 2022
			9H.2	Sept 6, 2022	Sept 16, 2022
	G	10	10H.1	Sept 19, 2022	Sept 30, 2022
			10H.2	Oct 3, 2022	Oct 14, 2022
11 & 12	G	11	11H.1	Oct 17, 2022	Oct 28, 2022
			11H.2	Oct 31, 2022	Nov 11, 2022
	H	12	12H.1	Nov 14, 2022	Dec 2, 2022
			12H.2	Dec 5, 2022	Dec 16, 2022
1 & 2	A	1	1H.1	Jan 3, 2023	Jan 13, 2023
			1H.2	Jan 17, 2023	Jan 27, 2023
	B	2	2H.1	Jan 30, 2023	Feb 10, 2023
			2H.2	Feb 13, 2023	Feb 24, 2023
3 & 4	B	3	3H.1	Feb 27, 2023	Mar 10, 2023
			3H.2	Mar 13, 2023	Mar 24, 2023
	C	4	4H.1	Apr 3, 2023	Apr 14, 2023
			4H.2	Apr 17, 2023	Apr 28, 2023
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			5H.2	May 15, 2023	May 26, 2023

# 7 Required "Core" Clerkships



# Internal Medicine

- 8 weeks
- Adult inpatient care
- Adult ambulatory care
- Preventive and acute care
- Subspecialty care
- Locations: Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville





# Surgery

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- 8 weeks
- Trauma surgery
- General surgery
- Subspecialty exposure
- Locations: Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville



# Family Medicine

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- 6 weeks
- Adult and pediatric care
- Inpatient and outpatient
- Preventive and acute care
- Some obstetrics
- Locations: Chattanooga, Jackson, Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville (Murfreesboro)





# Obstetrics/Gynecology

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- 6 weeks
- Women's Health
- Benign Gynecology
- Labor and delivery (obstetrics)
- Gynecologic oncology
- Locations: Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville

# Pediatrics

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- 6 weeks
- Inpatient pediatric care
- Well child and acute ambulatory pediatric care
- Subspecialty exposure
- Newborn care
- Locations: Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis





# Neurology

- 4 weeks
- Inpatient neurology
- Stroke
- Outpatient neurology
- Pediatric neurology
- Locations: Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis

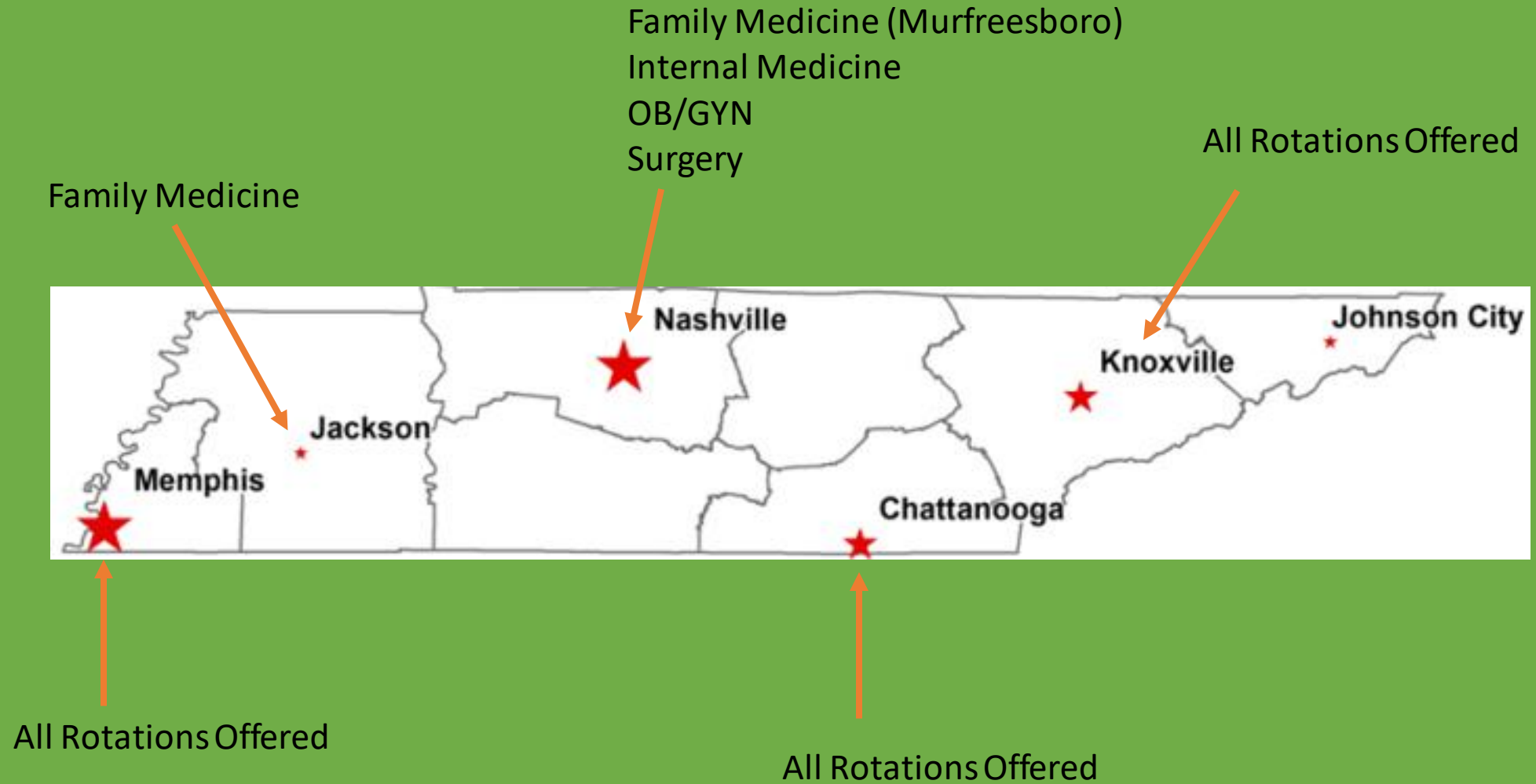


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## Psychiatry

- 4 weeks
- Inpatient psychiatric care
- Outpatient clinic
- Possible inpatient consults
- Locations: Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis

# Recap by Campus



# Career Exploration

- 4- 6 weeks of elective experiences in the M3 year
- Three 2-week blocks
  - One 2-week block can be taken as “option” time (family event, wedding, extra Step 1 studying, etc)
  - Some may have two 2-week blocks back-to-back and can take a 4-week CE
- Opportunity to experience a specialty that is not one of the ‘core’ rotations



# M3 Option Block Requests

- Delays:
  - Illness or emergency situations ONLY
  - ***must*** be approved by **Progress & Promotions Committee or one of the Deans**
- Acceptable Reasons:
  - Academic/Research
  - Military obligations
  - Wedding (your own)
  - Parental Leave
- Remember:
  - All students have the option to use one 2-week CE as a 2-week option block without any prior approval





# East Rule

- All students are required to schedule 1 rotation at an East location (Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville, or Jackson) during the third year.
  - After all scheduling is complete, then students can 'swap' rotations for their desired location, if available.
- Advantages include the ability to see a different hospital/clinic/city and work with a different group of residents/faculty.
- Housing\* is provided by UT for M3 students on required core clerkships in East cities if their primary domicile is in Memphis.



# Housing

- Provided by UT for Memphis-based students rotating at other locations for required clerkships
- Limit 3 months maximum over both the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years
- M3s on core clerkships get priority, followed by M4s on required rotations (clerkships/Geri-Palli/Capstone), followed by M3s and M4s on optional rotations (CEs, JIs, Electives) IF extra housing is available.
- Housing is limited, fills up quickly, and cannot be guaranteed if request is submitted < 30 days prior to the start of the rotation
- Submit housing request to the appropriate person/location as soon as your schedule is finalized.
- Notify the appropriate person/location ASAP if your plans for a rotation change so that another student can have that housing

# Housing - continued

- Chattanooga:
  - Contact person: Courtney Orloski
  - Submit request online: <https://utk.questionpro.com/a/TakeSurvey?tt=4PXn4LHma7g%3D>
- Knoxville:
  - Contact people: Brittany Bracco
  - Submit request online: <http://gsm.utmck.edu/students/housing.cfm>
- Nashville:
  - Contact person: Rachel McLaughlin ([Rachel.mclaughlin1@ascension.org](mailto:Rachel.mclaughlin1@ascension.org))

# Hardship Policy

- **The Hardship Policy was developed to allow exemptions from the East Rule requirement for special circumstances.**
- **For information, go to OLSEN in the “General Clerkship Information” to find the Hardship application form.**

## **Acceptable reasons for Hardship:**


- You have a child under the age of 18 years
- You have a chronic illness that requires treatment from a local physician
- You have a family member with chronic illness for whom you are the primary caregiver.

## “East Only” option

- Students can choose to complete all 3<sup>rd</sup> year rotations in the East.
  - Move to another city for the entire clinical phase.
- Students in this category are considered “East Only”
  - Separate scheduling time
- Options: Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville
  - \*Note: only 4 core clerkships offered in Nashville. Students typically stay in Memphis to complete the other 3 then move to Nashville.
- East Only students will get the opportunity to swap into one Memphis rotation based on availability if desired, but only after the non-East Only students complete scheduling.



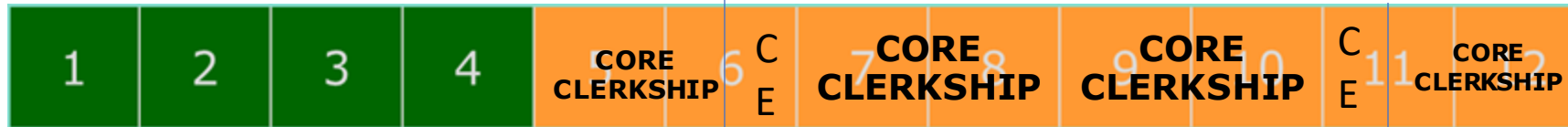
# The Magic Schedule

- Does it really matter how I schedule?
  - Clinical performance and NBME shelf exam scores tend to improve over the course of the year
  - Clerkship grading accounts for this expected improvement
  - In general, take the rotation you are most interested in during the middle of the year
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# SCHEDULING SCENARIOS

Smartest

2022



2023

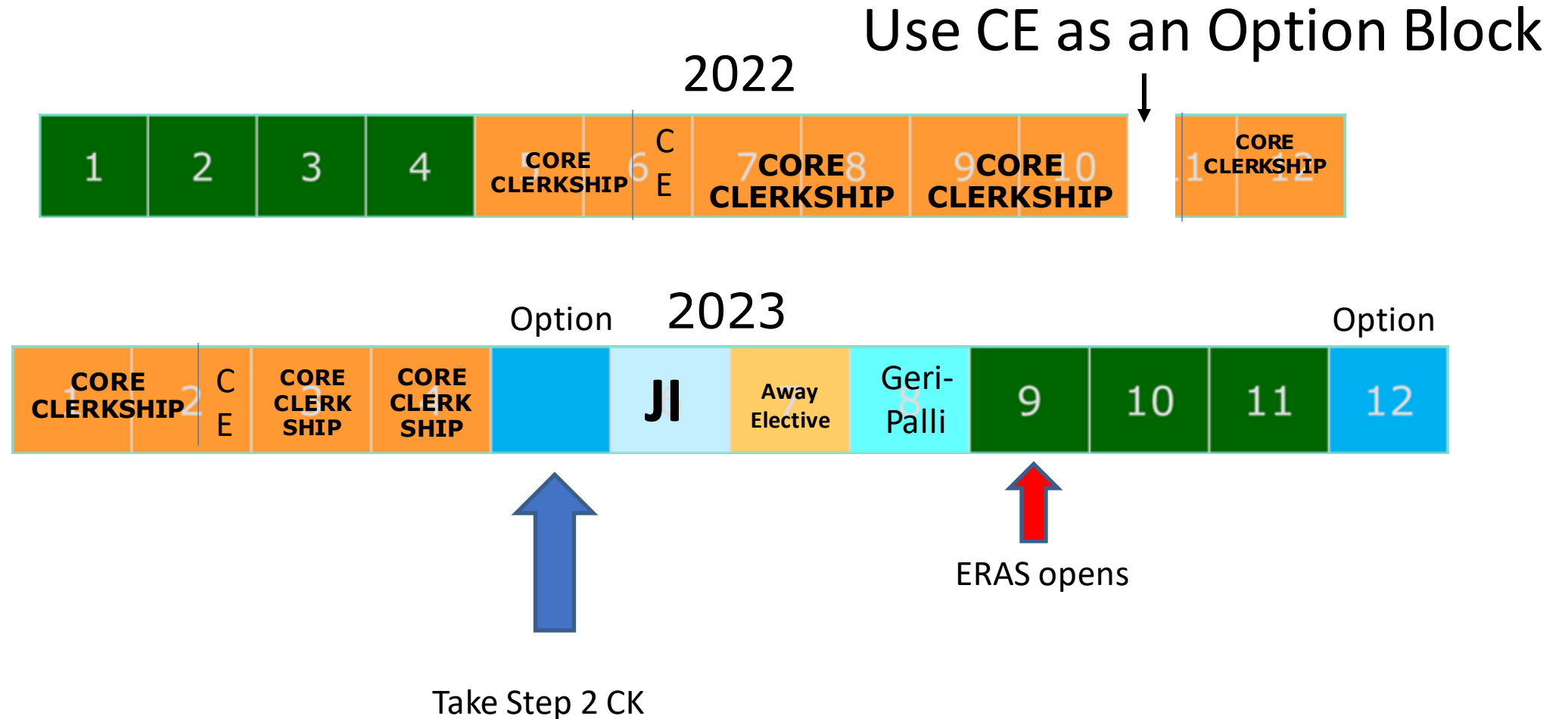


Take Step 2 CK



ERAS opens

# SCHEDULING SCENARIOS

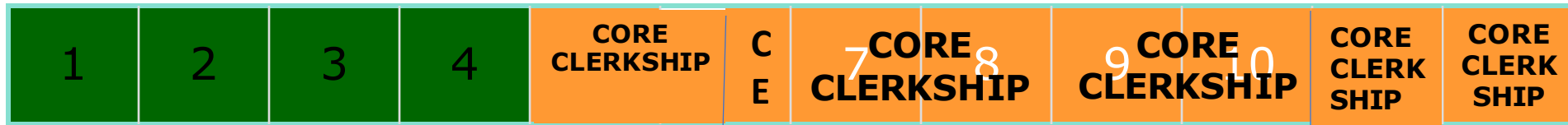




# SCHEDULING SCENARIOS

Ophthalmology-early match

2022



CORE CLERKSHIP

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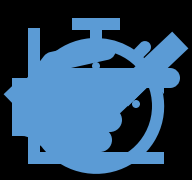


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ERAS opens

Take Step 2 CK



# Step 1

Eligibility: GPA of  $\geq 2.25$  and passing all courses

Must take Step 1 before starting Clerkships

Deadline is April 24<sup>th</sup>

Minimum passing score is 196...but Step 1 is moving to Pass/Fail for your class!



# Step 1 Stats

## Class of 2023

- First-time pass rate – 98% (National 96%)
- First-time mean – 230 (National 230)

## Class of 2022

- First-time pass rate – 100% (National 97%)
- First-time mean – 234 (National 233)

## Class of 2021

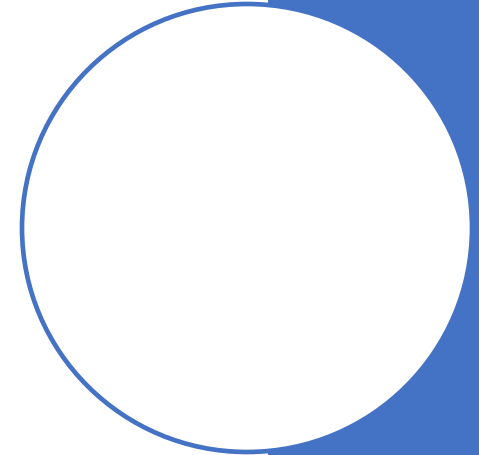
- First-time pass rate – 95% (National 97%)
- First-time mean – 227 (National 231)

## Class of 2020

- First-time pass rate – 93% (National 96%)
- First-time mean – 228 (National 230)

## Class of 2019

- First-time pass rate – 96% (National 96%)
- First-time mean – 229 (National 229)



**Delay Taking Step 1?**

**Not in your best  
interest!**



# Delay Step 1? No! Don't do it!

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- Must take and pass an NMBE practice exam prior to Step 1
- Why?
  - Most students do not feel ready to take Step 1, but you are!
  - However, if you don't pass then you may need more time
- Step 1 is now Pass/Fail, so delaying will not improve your score
- Many students have delayed unnecessarily, pushing back clerkships until M4 year
- The M4 fall is too busy to be doing core clerkships
- If you feel you are in jeopardy of failing Step 1, reach out to one of your academic deans (Dr. Cantrell, Dr. Whitt, or Dr. Bettin)
- Regardless of delaying Step 1, you will still need to participate in Prep for Clerkship week!

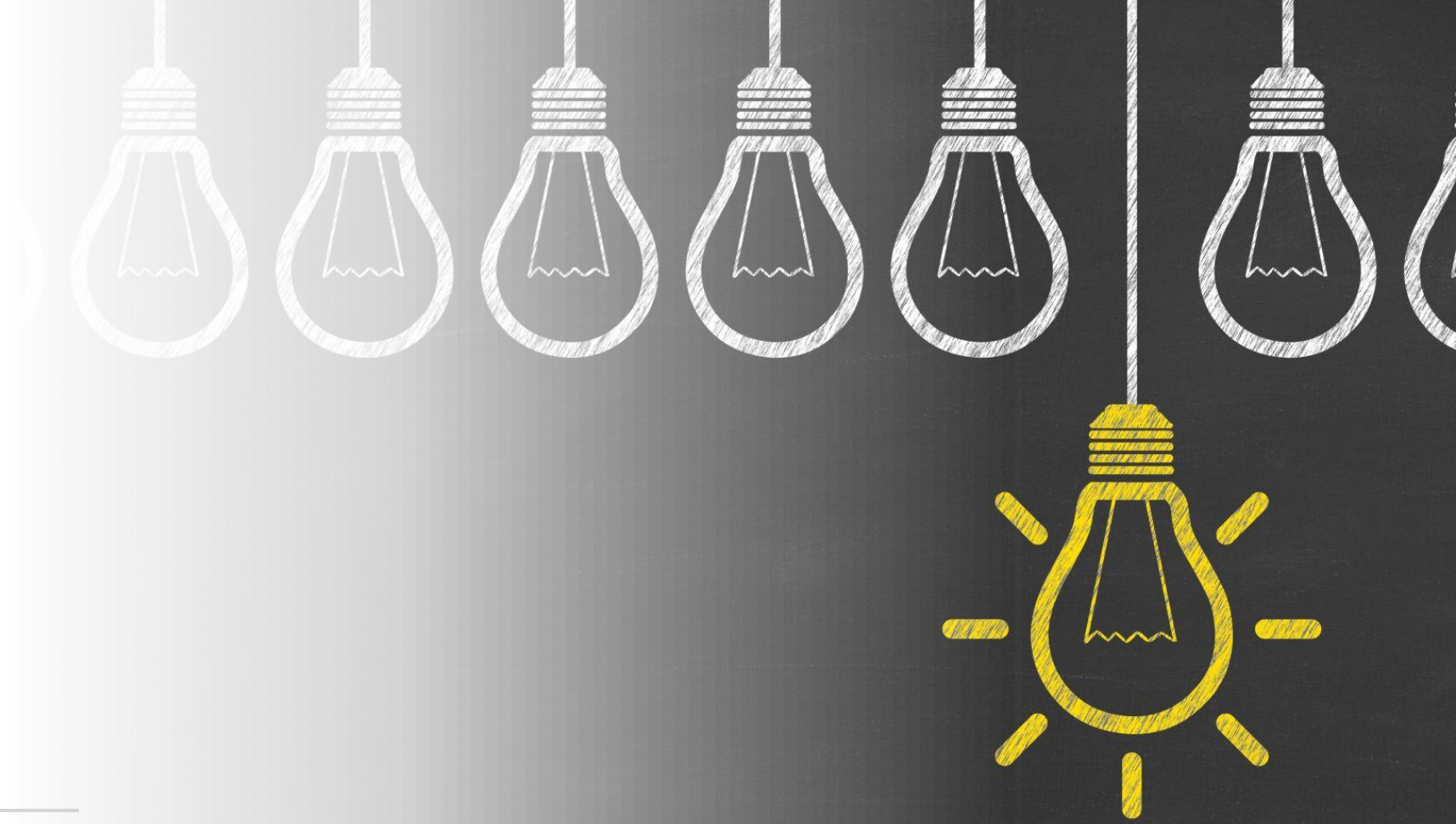
## Prior to Starting M3 Year

- Take USMLE Step 1 by April 24, 2022
  - 3-month eligibility period
- If you don't pass USMLE, two options:
  1. Come out of the first clerkship (Block 5/6 or C), study for a month, take test, pass, re-enter clerkships OR
  2. Complete the first clerkship, study the following block, take test, pass, re-enter clerkships
    - Cannot start back into the clerkships without having a passing Step 1 score
    - Re-take no later than July 22, 2022
- Financial Aid issue
  - Must take at least 5 credits in the semester to be able to be eligible to receive financial aid



## Step 2 CK

- Must complete all Core Clerkships first
  - The best way to prepare for CK is to do core clerkships and take shelf exams!
- Pressure to get result in early for interviews
- If you want to take it early
  - Don't! Finish all your clerkships this year!
  - Must take a practice NBME exam
  - Must score 10 points above passing




# SASSI is for Everyone!

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**It's the smart move!**



# SASSI and the M3 Year

- Same consultation services (test-taking, shelf exam preparation, test anxiety, time management, etc.) with educational specialists as in M1/M2 years
  - Here in Memphis or via phone or virtual appointments in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Jackson or Nashville.
  - Clerkship books on reserve in Chattanooga and Knoxville also
  - To schedule an appointment – [sassi@uthsc.edu](mailto:sassi@uthsc.edu) or 901-448-5056
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## Clerkship Policies

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- We have an enormous statewide campus!
- Lots of options in many cities for students to tailor their own curriculum.
- All these options can create chaos!
- Chaos leads to delayed graduation, loss of residency spot, and loss of accreditation.
- Policies prevent chaos.


# Clerkship Policies

- Available on:
  - OLSEN
  - MERL (Medical Educator Resource Link, <https://www.uthsc.edu/medicine/medical-education/merl.php>)
  - Policy Manager
- Important Policies to review:
  - COM 105: Progress, Promotion, Graduation
  - COM 106: Excused Absences and Wellness Day
  - COM 107: Grading for the MD Curriculum
  - COM 108: Student Mistreatment Policy and SA105: Preventing Student Mistreatment
  - COM 110: Narrative Feedback
  - COM 112: Work (Duty) Hours
  - UTHSC Student Code of Conduct
  - COM 121: Professionalism Policy
  - COM 124: Appearance Code
  - Religious Accommodations Policy
  - SA 116: Student Substance Abuse Policy
  - Drug and Alcohol Policy
  - Sexual Harassment Policy
  - COM 116: Inclement Weather
  - COM 117 & 118: Exposures Policy and Reporting
  - Incident reporting, Emergency Preparedness
- Will also review important policies at Prep for Clerkships week



So many rules, so  
little time!

- When in doubt, look it up.
  - If still confused, ask!
- Don't presume.
  - The Orange Vine isn't always correct or up to date.
- Get permission early! No later than 30 days prior to the start of the rotation.
  - Make requests in writing.
  - Deadlines are immutable.



# Excused Absences and Wellness Days



# Rationale

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- Excused absences – Students should be able to attend general preventive medical care, urgent/acute medical care, and have appropriate time off for sickness.
- Wellness Days – Goal is to promote mental health and wellness among students.
  - Take a day to rest, recharge, reboot, etc.
  - NOT a substitute for professional counseling or mental health treatment for a student experiencing a more significant mental health concern!

# Academics

- [Computer Requirements for College of Medicine](#)
- [CPR Certification](#)
- [Composites \(Student pictures\) by Class](#)
- [Kaplan Clinical Skills Center \(CSC\)](#)
- [Simulation Center](#)
- [Student Academic Support Services and Inclusion \(SASSI\)](#)
- [Team-Based Learning Information \(TBL\)](#)
- [Technical Standards for Medical Students](#)
- [Wellness for Medical Students](#)

# Exams

- M1 and M2 Exams
  - [M1 and M2 Exams Policies](#)
  - [ExamSoft Login](#)
  - [M1 Exam Schedule](#)
  - [M2 Exam Schedule](#)
- M3 Exams
  - [M3 Exam Policies](#)
  - [Exam Schedule for M3 Clerkship](#)

- [Curriculum Committees](#)
- [Educational Objectives and Competencies](#)
- [Longitudinal Scholar's Project \(LSP\)](#)
- [Student Handbook - CenterScope](#)
- [Scholar's Year Program Application](#)

# Clerkships

## General Clerkship Information

- [Clerkship Orientation Presentations M3 and M4](#)
- [Certificate of Malpractice Insurance 2019-2020](#)
- [Clerkship Grading 2019-2020](#)
- [Clerkship Hardship Form](#)
- [Limited Leave Request](#)
- [Excused Absence and Wellness Day Policy](#)



## M3 Clerkship Information

- [Core Clerkship Directors](#)
- [Core Clerkship Information](#)
- [MSEC Clerkship Guide](#)
- [Case and Time Loas Instructions for eMedlev](#)

# How to Request an Excused Absence or Planned Wellness Day

1. Notify (email) your Clerkship Director and Clerkship Coordinator 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE of the CLERKSHIP to request permission.

2. Please be professional in your interactions with your administrators!

3. Complete a Limited Leave Request form (on OLSEN) once approved.




# Requesting Permission

“I will be taking a wellness day for my sister’s wedding on xx/xx/xx.”

vs.

“I am emailing you to request the possibility of a wellness day on xx/xx/xx for my sister’s wedding. Thank you!”



# What counts as an Excused Absence?

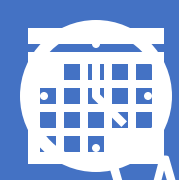
- Funerals (death of a close family member)
- Acute illness/urgent medical appointments (includes SICK DAYS!)
- Preventive or routine healthcare (e.g. PCP appointment, dentist, etc.)
- Religious observances/Holy Days
- Jury duty and other legal obligations
- Step 2 CK\*
- Residency interviews\*
- Attendance at professional meetings if presenting or representing the College of Medicine

\* Step 2 CK and residency interviews NOT allowed on M3 clerkships.

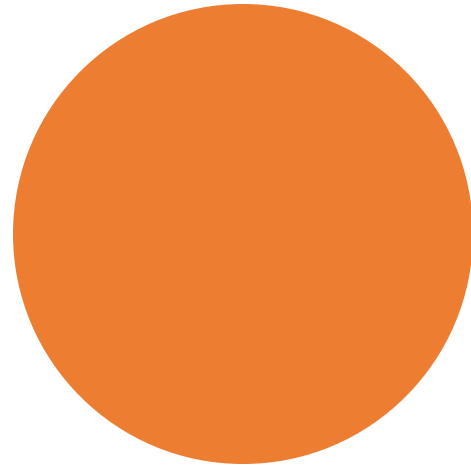


# Professional Meeting Attendance

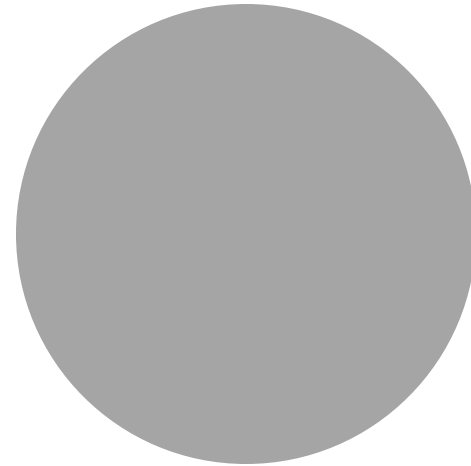
- Notify CD/CC 30 days prior to the START of the affected rotation.
- Must be either presenting (poster/oral) or representing the COM.
- Provide documentation (email/letter) of your acceptance to the meeting **AS SOON AS YOU GET THIS.**
- Goal is to maximize your participation in your event while also minimizing the time away from your clerkship.
- Approval is at the discretion of the Clerkship Director.



# Wellness Days



FOUR WELLNESS DAYS  
PER YEAR



NO HALF DAYS OR  
HOURLY COUNTS



# Anticipated (Planned) Wellness Days

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- Notify CD/CC 30 day prior to the START of the rotation.
- May NOT be used during:
  - Course/shelf exams
  - Clerkship orientations
  - Simulation/skill training days
  - OSCEs
  - Oral, slide exams
  - JI rotations
  - On-call days
  - Days before or immediately after vacations or administrative closings (i.e. MLK Day)

# Emergent (Unplanned) Wellness Days

Available for when a student has an urgent/emergent need for a day away from clerkships that does not fall into an excused absence category.

Notify (email) the clerkship director and clerkship coordinator ASAP when you need to take an emergent wellness day. Does not require 30 days advanced notice.

Be professional. Complete a Limited Leave Request as soon as you return to the clerkship.

No questions asked policy to preserve student privacy.

However, if you are struggling, please reach out to your CD. We can help you!

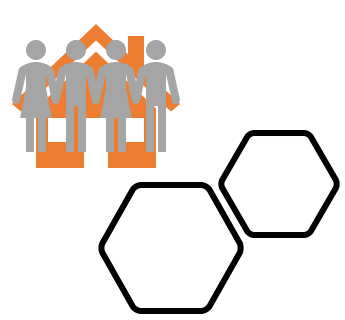
# Examples

## Planned Wellness Days

- Weddings
- Family reunions
- Planned mental health day
- Nondisclosed reasoning (e.g. appointment that you prefer not to disclose)
- Other important events that don't fall under an excused absence

## Emergent Wellness Days

- Unplanned mental health day
- Need for urgent counseling
- Any other unforeseen event that does not qualify for an acute excused absence



# Wellness and Mental Health

SASSI Take Care

<https://uthsc.edu/sassi/>

Counseling services

<https://www.uthsc.edu/student-health-services/behavioral-health/index.php>





# Clerkship Grading



## Why grade at all?

Grading is the summative (ultimate) feedback for student performance.

Grading allows outside entities (residencies) to know how a student's performance compares with his/her peers in that institution.

Using national norms helps assure that the grading is meaningful outside of just our institution.



# Three components of clerkship grading

Clinical skills and performance

Medical knowledge (expertise)

Professionalism



# How to achieve this goal

**Clinical evaluations** → assess clinical skills, performance, and professionalism

**NBME subject exams (shelf exams)** → assess medical knowledge and expertise



# Why are we talking about this now?

Both components (clinical evaluation and the shelf exam) are adjusted based on your experience

Goal: maintain fair and consistent grading across the year

Why is this important? So that you can worry less about the order of your rotations and worry more about your experiences!

Contact us:

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kbettin@uthsc.edu

Ms. Jenn Wilson –  
jmcadoo3@uthsc.edu



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Chattanooga Campus Overview

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Knoxville Campus Overview

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Nashville Campus Overview

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Jackson Site Overview

Up Next....