STATEMENT 3.4.4 – Statement – Strategies for Choosing Electives

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I. PURPOSE

1. In order to gain approval for your program, it must be broadly based.
2. This is to ensure that you gain a broad range of experience and place an emphasis on areas that suit your personal strengths.
3. In order for your program to be considered broadly based, you must have electives in a minimum of 3 CaRMS entry disciplines plus a maximum of 12 weeks of elective time in any one category, with the remaining 4 weeks in either one or both of the other two categories.
4. More variety in your choices is advisable.
5. If you have had areas of weakness in clerkship, you will be counseled by Dr. Stein to address these within your elective block choices.

II. STATEMENT

Elective Categories

1. Electives must be from a minimum of 3 different CaRMS entry disciplines.
2. Electives will be grouped in 3 categories (see below). Students may have a maximum of 12 weeks in any one category, with the remaining 4 weeks in either one or both of the other two categories.
3. Research will count towards the discipline in which the research is conducted.

Category 1

- Medicine: general and subspecialties
- Paediatrics: general and subspecialties
- Psychiatry
- Critical Care Medicine
- Clinical Neurological Sciences
- Medical Oncology
- PM&R
- Research

Category 2

- Surgery: general and subspecialties
- Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Anesthesiology
- Ophthalmology
- Surgical Intensive Care
- Research

Category 3

- Family Medicine
- Emergency Medicine
CaRMS Entry Disciplines

- Anatomical Pathology
- Anesthesiology
- Anesthesiology - Clinician Investigator Program
- Cardiac Surgery
- Dermatology
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Family Medicine integrated Care of the Elderly
- Family Medicine integrated Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine integrated Research
- General Pathology
- General Surgery
- Hematological Pathology
- Internal Medicine
- Laboratory Medicine
- Medical Biochemistry
- Medical Genetics
- Medical Microbiology
- Neurology
- Neurology - Pediatric
- Neuropathology
- Neurosurgery
- Nuclear Medicine
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery
- Pediatrics
- Pediatrics - Clinician Investigator Program
- Plastic Surgery
- Plastic Surgery - Clinician Investigator Program
- Plastic Surgery - Research Track
- Psychiatry
- Psychiatry - Research Track
- Public Health and Preventive Medicine
- Public Health and Preventive Medicine including Family Medicine
- Radiation Oncology
- Urology
- Vascular Surgery
- Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
Interviews for PGY-1 Positions
1. Students may take the opportunity to have interviews with programs outside London during the designated CaRMS weeks.
2. Should your interview be scheduled during an elective or Integration & Transition classes, you must get permission from your elective supervisor and follow the attendance policies and procedures posted on the UME site.

Call Schedule
1. In planning your program, you should understand that any requirements for call duty must be fulfilled unless call falls during the weekend allotted for travel time between electives.
2. If you accept rotations with call you will be required to do call.
3. It is your responsibility to integrate with the service that accepts you or to negotiate with the service directors about alternative arrangements well in advance. Third year clerkship rules absolutely apply to 4th year:

   http://www.schulich.uwo.ca/medicine/undergraduate/docs/policies_statements/statements/3-2-11-Statement-On-Call-Clinical-Clerkship.pdf

Travel Time
1. The only travel time permitted to and from Clinical Science Electives is the weekend between blocks.

Mail & Email
1. It is strongly recommended that students, who will be out of town for an extended period of time, arrange for someone (perhaps a fellow classmate) to pick up mail from their student mailbox. This will help to avoid missing messages of an urgent or otherwise important nature.
2. Please read your Email messages on a regular basis and ensure that your mailbox is always able to receive messages.
3. It is important that you use your “Email for Life” address when you correspond with the UME office. Yahoo, gmail and hotmail email messages may not get through the system filters.
4. The Undergraduate Office assumes no responsibility for students who miss deadlines because they have neglected to read their emails or make arrangements to have the mail picked up from their mailbox.

Students’ Contact Number(s)
1. It is very important for the Undergraduate Office to be able to reach you during your elective blocks. Please ensure you update your profile information on single sign on. This may be with regard to future electives, CaRMS match, grades, etc.