

Specialty Advising: Urology  
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**Advising Efforts**

Students are encouraged to contact the Specialty Advisor for individualized attention.

**Residency Planning Q & A**

To be considered for this specialty, what is the Step 1 score range?	It is preferable to have a score above 225-230 to be considered for Urology. Having said that, if you work hard in your AI and show that you are reading and enthusiastic about the specialty, the Board score may be lower.
Do students need to be at the top of the class to be competitive in this specialty?	To be competitive in the match for Urology, it is preferable to be near the top of the class.
Is research a strong consideration for candidacy in this specialty?	It is if the Board scores are on the weaker side or the grades are not very good. Either way, it is helpful to have research experience, but not necessary for most programs.
How important are away electives? Acting Internships?	Away elective are extremely important as well as AIs. Recommendation letters are some of the most important pieces in the application.
If students did well on Step 1, should they try to take Step 2 before Rank Order Lists are due?	If Step 1 scores are good, students can wait to take Step 2 in the eyes of most programs.
Should letters of recommendations all come from this specialty or should also have others?	Letters are very important. It is preferable to have specialty letters. It doesn't hurt to have others, but, most programs will only look at the Urology letters.
What do you want students to know about your program in particular	We have a very good program. Everybody is friendly and nice. We can definitely provide a glimpse into a field of Urology. The program is fully accredited and graduates excellent urologists.
Does your specialty REQUIRE a Chair's letter?	I think it's extremely important. Nothing is a requirement but programs will not even consider a student without a letter from the chair. It will look suspicious.