

Specialty Advising: ObGyn

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Advising Efforts	
<u>First and Second Year Students</u>	<u>Third and Fourth Year Students</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st year MS-1 special interest group meet and greet dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Listing of students email accounts ⇒ Informal discussion about what we do <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hands on demonstrations of ultrasound Subspecialty discussion and resident participation ⇒ Shadowing of division directors based on student interest • Program for MS 1/2 students doing international rotations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ OR orientation and conduct ⇒ Scrubbing and gowning/gloving, tying exercises ⇒ Attending physician and senior resident participation • Development of Summer program for MS-1/2 students in General Ob/Gyn • Miracle Continuity Elective • Development of Ob/Gyn Club • 2nd year MS-2 special interest group dinner meeting 	<p>3rd Year: Medical Student Lunch w/Chair (each rotation)</p> <p>3rd Year: April/May Announcement of June Meeting for Mentoring</p> <p>4th Year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June Meeting: Orientation to the program; Timeline for applications; Personal statement • July Meeting: Personal statement development; Handout: Iserson's Getting Into Residency; Individualized critique • August Meeting: Finalizing personal statements; Strategies for ERAS application and geographical distribution • September, October: ERAS applications; Interview strategies, common questions; What to look for in a program; "Goodness of Fit"; First interview in Syracuse November, December, January: Interview discussion; Unusual questions; Reassessment of programs if few interviews February: Ranking strategies March-Dinner for students

Residency Planning Q & A	
To be considered for this specialty, what is the Step 1 score range?	200-260 is a typical range for the resident applicants who we interview. We prefer to see scores of 220 or higher.
Do students need to be at the top of the class to be competitive in this specialty?	No. They do, however, need a competitive package: board scores, transcript, dean's letter, personal statement, and interview (most important component because we are looking for a "goodness of fit".)
Is research a strong consideration for candidacy in this specialty?	Most OB/GYN programs will require research and encourage publications and presentations. We encourage completion of Step 2 (CK and CS) before ranking.
How important are away electives? Acting Internships?	If you are sure of a geographic area/program and you perform well, it can be helpful.
If students did well on Step 1, should they try to take Step 2 before Rank Order Lists are due?	Many programs require Step 1 and Step 2 scores (CK and CS) before ranking.
Should letters of recommendations all come from this specialty or should also have others?	Letters of recommendations should come from people who know you best, but try for in specialty. We have recommended that students get at least two in specialty letters, with the other two coming from disciplines like medicine and surgery.
What do you want students to know about your program in particular	We consider our clinical cases and research opportunities to be among the top in the country. As a regional center for 19 hospitals in central New York, the most complex OB and GYN patients are seen as referrals to our services. We continue to evolve our program, with the expansion of innovative programs including simulation in OB and GYN.
Does your specialty REQUIRE a Chair's letter?	No