

4/10/2020 – Update: medical students in electives

Dear students and elective directors,

Many students have clinical electives and AIs scheduled to begin on April 27. Given current information, it is quite clear that the clinical realm will not be a safe or educational environment for medical students at that time. The College of Medicine has decided to cancel any elective courses and acting internships during that block that involve medical student presence in the clinical environment. Electives that can be completed remotely are acceptable and encouraged. We are hopeful that the situation with the COVID-19 pandemic and PPE shortage will evolve such that our rising 4th-year students will be able to start clinical electives at the normally scheduled start of Block 1 on May 26th, but we are working on contingency plans should that not be possible.

Students will be receiving more information about electives that can be completed remotely next week.

Elective directors that would like guidance in transitioning their elective to a remote / online experience are welcome to contact Dr. Mason in the UME office (masonm@upstate.edu).

Thank you,
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