TO: Family Medicine Clerkship Third Year Students – Class of 2015

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SUBJECT: Family Medicine Third Year Clerkship Orientation Information

Your Family Medicine Clerkship placement will be with a family physician practicing in a private office or an ambulatory clinic setting. During your five week rotation, you will spend one day per week on campus in a small group session, as well as attend several workshops/lectures on these days. The remaining four days per week will be spent with your preceptor following his/her schedule. There is no call for Family Medicine.

The person who will be working with you on your site placement is Karen Rayla, Administrative Coordinator for the clerkship. She is located on the third floor of the Benedict Building, Room A3-229; her telephone number is 774.442.4117 or e-mail: karen.rayla@umassmed.edu. It must be understood that the initial contact with each preceptor is through Karen Rayla.

Initially, the lottery run by the Office of Student Affairs will assign you to one of seven geographic areas throughout the state (i.e., Worcester South, Worcester North, Middlesex, Boston, Pioneer Valley, Southeast and Berkshire).

If you are assigned to the Berkshire Area, you usually have the housing option available at the Berkshire Medical Center (BMC) in Pittsfield with students rotating on other clerkships. You will not be responsible for the cost of housing while at BMC. In other areas you must commute or find your own housing. If you are assigned to one of the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) geographic locations (Middlesex, Pioneer Valley, Southeast and Berkshire), you may be eligible for reimbursement up to a maximum of $65.00 per week for the total cost of housing and/or travel beyond 30 miles/day. However, there is NO TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT for students assigned to the Worcester South, Worcester North and Boston areas even though you may travel a fair amount of miles.

In order to help you rank your geographic choices we have attached an example of possible communities where you could be assigned. Once you are assigned to an area, you may be placed in any of the practices within that geographic location. If you want to switch your geographic area – you may do so by finding a peer who is willing to switch with you and completing a formal “switch form” which is available through Karen Rayla.

Placement for Blocks IB & 1C require your flexibility concerning preceptor assignment. It is difficult to place students during these blocks due to summer vacations. This is not something we have control over. Although you will be assigned to a geographic area, it is possible that your clerkship site could be outside that area. We do our best and are often very successful in making placements based on your expectations; however, there are no guarantees.

Following the lottery, a placement questionnaire will be e-mailed to your UMass account to allow us to take your preferences and any special circumstance(s) into consideration as placements are made. The deadline for returning our placement questionnaire is Friday, March 8, 2013.

It is your responsibility to return this form. We will not follow up with requests for this form.
Examples of Possible Family Medicine Clerkship Sites
Academic Year 2013 - 2014

Please note we have tried to include a site’s focus (i.e., private / group practice, residency training site, Spanish speaking, OB/GYN experiences, Sports Medicine or rural health sites). Once you receive your assigned lottery area, you will receive an e-mail with our placement questionnaire to complete, as well as a more detailed site description in your lottery area.

PLEASE NOTE: We must categorize our site locations to fit into the (7) geographical lottery areas. Students will often question why North Grosvenordale, CT is considered Worcester South or why Scituate is considered Boston - to fit into the lottery areas.

1. Worcester South Area
   Family Practice Health Centers – Worcester:
   - Family Health Center of Worcester - Queen St. (Residency Training & Spanish)
   - Hahnemann Family Health Center (Residency Training & OB)
   - UMMHC Family Health Services, University Campus – Benedict Building
   - Edward M. Kennedy CHC (formerly Great Brook Valley) – Worcester (Spanish)
   
   Group Practices:  
   - Whitinsville – Limited Availability
   - Auburn (some Spanish required)
   - Worcester

   Solo Practices:  
   - North Grosvenordale, CT (MA/CT border)
   - Putnam, CT
   - Worcester

2. Worcester North Area
   - Barre Family Health Center (Residency Training, OB & Rural)
   - Fitchburg Family Practice (Residency Training, Sports Medicine & some Spanish)

   Group Practices:
   - Fitchburg
   - Holden
   - Leominster
   - Sterling
   - Winchendon

   Solo Practices:
   - Groton
   - Lancaster
   - Harvard
   - West Boylston

3. Middlesex Area
   - Greater Lawrence Family Health Center – Lawrence (Residency Training, Spanish, Vietnamese)

   Group Practices:
   - Andover
   - North Chelmsford

4. Boston Area

   Group Practices:
   - Swampscott
   - Arlington
   - Medford
   - Waltham
   - Scituate
   - Brockton
   - Somerville
5. **Pioneer Valley Area**

**Group Practices:**
UMass Amherst Health Center – (Sports Medicine)
(Available Blocks 2A, 2B, 2C, 3B & 3C – must be notified as soon as possible)
Hilltown CHC

**Solo Practices:**
Amherst (Female students only)
Amherst
Holyoke

6. **Southeast Area**

**Solo Practices:**
East Falmouth
Brewster
North Easton
Dighton
North Falmouth
Middleton

**Group Practices:**
Bourne

7. **Berkshire Area**

**Group Practice:**
Lee